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JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

MARCH 12th, 1884.

The Fifty-sixth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was opened in the Methodist Protestant Church in Pocomoke City, Md., by the President, J. T. Murray, on Wednesday, March 12th, 1884, at 9 A. M.

The Doxology was sung, followed by hymn 285, prayer by the President and the reading of Psalm cxxvi. and Hebrews xii.

The roll of ministers was called (see page 3).

J. K. Nichols was appointed to read the memorial roll.

On motion of T. D. Valiant, the Secretary and his assistant were made a Committee on Credentials. Time was allowed the committee to receive the credentials of delegates, and they reported the names of lay members of the Conference (see page 4).

S. B. Tredway moved that the Conference proceed to fix the time for daily sessions, and, on the suggestion of S. A. Hoblitzell, it was ordered that the sessions begin at 9 A. M., have a recess from 12 to 2 and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the Standing Rule of Conference requiring the Sacrament to be celebrated immediately after the Conference Sermon, was changed and fixed for an evening service on Wednesday.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, Rule XXXVII. was suspended and the examination of official character proceeded with.

J. L. Mills was called to the chair, the President read his annual report (see Reports, A), and, on motion, his character was passed and the report referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The President then announced the Standing Committees (see page 6.)

At his own request, S. B. Southerland was relieved from the Committee on Ministerial Education and J. R. Nichols appointed thereto; also W. M. Strayer from Official Character and J. L. Killgore appointed.

The order of the day was announced, and after a brief recess, J. M. Holmes preached the Conference Sermon from Mark xvi. 15.

On the reassembling of Conference at 2 P. M. the Committee on Publication of Minutes read his report (see Reports, C), which, at his request, was referred to the Conference Steward.

Communications were read as follows: From J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education—referred; from C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions—referred; from David Wilson, W. G. Holmes and P. T. Hall, asking for continuance of their present relation, which was granted; from Sussex, Southside and Amelia—referred; from R. W. Berryman, reporting condition of Surry and six dollars for distribution by the President, who apportioned to Superannuated Fund \$2, to Home Missions \$2, to College \$1, to Conference \$1; from Frederick, announcing the decease of James Boyer after his election as delegate to this Conference—referred to D. W. Bates, E. O. Ewing and C. B. Withers; from Geo. R. Barr, President Virginia Conference—referred.

F. H. Mullineaux was appointed Postmaster for the Conference.

The bar of the house was fixed at the third window.

The order of the day was announced, the election of President. J. W. Gray and Horace Burrough were appointed tellers, and the first ballot resulted in the choice of J. T. Murray.

By unanimous consent the ballot of the Conference was cast for the remaining officers as follows:

For Secretary, T. H. Lewis, who selected F. T. Little as assistant.

For Conference Steward, R. T. Smith.

For Home Missionary Steward, W. T. Valiant.

For Superannuated Fund Steward, F. T. Tagg.

For Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, S. R. Murray.

A ballot was then taken for Standing District Committee and the following were elected, after a second ballot: Wm. Dale, J. D. Kinzer, W. S. Hammond, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. W. Hering and W. J. C. Dulany.

The Committee of Appeals was next elected as follows: T. D. Valiant, D. L. Greenfield, J. D. Kinzer, J. H. Barrow, H. Burrough.

A resolution offered by J. D. Kinzer was adopted, fixing the time for the anniversaries of the Home Missionary and Superannuated Fund Societies (see Resolutions, 1).

On motion of F. T. Tagg, it was ordered that all monies received

for Life Membership Certificates at the anniversary of the Superannuated Fund Society be added to the investment fund.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was ordered to be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The President announced H. C. Cushing and D. L. Greenfield to address the meeting.

J. D. Kinzer moved that the next session of the Conference convene on the third Wednesday in March, 1885. Amended by F. T. Tagg to read "first Wednesday in May;" by T. H. Lewis to read "first Wednesday in April," and by J. B. Jones to read "second Wednesday in March." The amendment of F. T. Tagg was lost; that of T. H. Lewis adopted, and the motion as amended adopted, fixing the first Wednesday in April, 1885, as the time for the next Conference.

C. S. Arnett moved a reconsideration, when Conference, on motion, adjourned.

EVENING.

H. C. Cushing preached, and the Lord's Supper was administered.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

MARCH 13th, 1884.

The motion to reconsider the vote fixing the time for the next session of Conference was called up, considered and lost.

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary through their Secretary, J. D. Kinzer, presented a report. T. H. Lewis, President of the Seminary, presented a report.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer the name of the Committee on Western Maryland College was changed to "Education," and both the above reports were referred to that Committee. (See Reports, D.)

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, it was ordered that when Conference adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 P. M. and that the report of the Committee on Education be made the order of the day for 8 P. M.

W. S. Hammond presented a report of the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society touching the affairs of the Frederick City Church and the Jefferson Benevolent Society. (See Reports, E.)

The President laid before the Conference the recommendation of

the General Conference for calling a General Convention. On motion of F. T. Tagg, it was made the order of the day for 2.30 P. M.

Communications were received from Campbell, Snow Hill, Bedford, Anne Arundel, and St. John's, which were appropriately referred; from J. Clay asking for continuance of present relation—he was assigned as supernumerary to Concord.

The Chairman of the Committee on Missions announced that his committee would only consider such business as was referred to them by the Conference, and the delegates from Middleway, Potomac, Alexandria and North Carolina Avenue presented their requests for appropriations, which were referred.

On the reassembling of Conference, H. Burrough moved the call of the roll to ascertain if a quorum were present. When a quorum had been ascertained, the order of the day was announced; the recommendation from the General Conference. The paper was read and adopted.

J. J. Murray offered a resolution requesting the representatives to be elected by this Conference to further the wishes of the Conference as expressed in the paper adopted, which, on motion of J. R. Nichols, was laid on the table.

It was moved to reconsider the vote adopting the paper from the General Conference, and the motion was lost.

The roll of charges was called for the purpose of revision. Frederick City, Indian River and Portsville were referred to the Committee on Boundaries; Guilford was added to Potomac, Jackson Grove was added to Anne Arundel.

Rev. M. Lee, fraternal messenger from West Virginia Conference, and Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, were introduced to the Conference.

W. S. Hammond offered a resolution instructing the Secretary to publish separately those charges left unsupplied, which was adopted. (See Resolutions, II.)

Conference adjourned.

· EVENING. ·

The regular order was suspended, and it was decided to select the place to hold the next session of Conference. Invitations were presented from Alexandria and Easton. A ballot was taken and Alexandria selected.

The order of the day was announced, and the Committee on Education presented their report (see Reports, D.) Remarks were made

on the various items of the report of the Board of Governors by the chairman of the committee, J. D. Kinzer, B. F. Benson, E. R. McGregor and T. H. Lewis. The President, calling T. D. Valiant to the chair, closed the discussion by asking for personal subscriptions for the support of the Seminary. The appeal was enforced by W. S. Hammond, and \$405 secured in cash and pledges.

The report was then adopted and Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

MARCH 14th, 1884.

Communications were received as follows: From Wilmington, Felton, Broadway, Crumpton and Salisbury, asking for missionary appropriations—referred to Committee on Missions; from J. B. Butler, asking for assignment to Cecil as supernumerary—his request granted.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, S. B. Tredway was appointed to solicit contributions for the sexton.

The Secretary, who had been instructed by the last Conference to purchase envelopes and schedules and send them to pastors for collections in behalf of the general interests, reported the reasons for failing to comply with instructions. On motion, the report was accepted.

The committee appointed to rent Frederick City Church, reported that it had been rented to the German Baptists.

D. W. Bates reported the resolutions on the decease of James Boyer, which were adopted (see Resolutions, III).

On motion, the Finance Committee were instructed to arrange the whole table of assessments.

The Conference took a recess to allow the Home Missionary Society to hold a meeting.

On resuming its session, the Committee on President's Report presented a report which was adopted (see Reports, B).

The Committee on Pulpit Supply reported the appointments for the Sabbath, and their report was adopted.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution requiring all motions to fix the

time and place of Conference sessions to lie on the table twenty-four hours, which was adopted (see Resolutions, IV).

Conference then entered upon religious exercises to the hour of recess.

On the reassembling of Conference a resolution was read from Sub-District No. 5, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

The President announced that on account of the absence of E. J. Drinkhouse through sickness, J. K. Nichols would take his place on the Committee on Foreign Missions.

An appeal was presented from a member of South Baltimore, which was referred to R. S. Rowe, C. H. Littleton and E. B. Smith.

The Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside of the District presented their report, which was amended and adopted (see Reports, F).

The committee appointed by the last Conference to revise the rules reported progress, and was continued.

J. M. Brown moved to strike out Rules 2 and 3 on page 76 of the Manual, and J. J. Murray moved to strike out rules for the government of colored people on pp. 78-80—both were referred to the Committee on Rules.

J. J. Murray offered a resolution relative to the Articles of Religion, which was adopted (see Resolutions, V).

Business was then suspended to hear addresses from M. Lee of West Virginia; C. H. Williams, of Board of Missions; Francis Brown and E. R. Washington, of South Carolina.

The Baltimore Book Directory presented a report, which, with accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Literature.

S. B. Tredway reported a collection of \$26.61 for the sexton.

Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

MARCH 15th, 1884.

Communications were received as follows: From the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, referred; from W. T. Dumm, referred; from D. M. Simonton, fraternal messenger from W. Va., referred.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders presented a report, which was adopted. The item in reference to J. H. Daugherty was adopted,

with the understanding that he would continue his studies with the Faculty of Instruction (see Reports, G).

W. S. Hammond offered a resolution to assess six hundred dollars on the District for expenses of the General Conference, which was adopted.

The Committee on Education presented an additional report, which, after remarks by B. F. Benson and J. J. Murray, was adopted (see Reports, D).

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund asked for instructions concerning the money appropriated to Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, now deceased, and was instructed not to pay any money to her heirs.

Conference entered into religious services until the hour of recess.

On the reassembling of Conference, the Committee on Superannuates presented their report, which was read and laid on the table by rule.

The Committee on Boundaries presented their report, which was amended and adopted (see Reports, H).

The Committee on Ministerial Education presented a report, which was adopted (see Reports, J).

On motion of F. T. Little a resolution was adopted, declaring the pledge of the College assessment not binding on B. F. Benson (see Resolutions, VI).

The Committee on Official Reports reported J. L. Duncan, his financial report not being satisfactory.

On motion, he was excused on the ground of inexperience, and the report laid on the table.

R. S. Rowe presented the report of the Special Committee on the Appeal from South Baltimore, which was adopted (see Reports, K).

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted (see Reports, L).

The report of the Faculty of Instruction was adopted (see Reports, G).

On motion of S. B. Tredway, it was ordered that the ordination services take place on Sabbath morning in the M. P. Church, after the sermon.

The Home and Foreign Missionary Steward made his report, which was adopted. The items will be found in the Table of Collections (see also Reports T).

On motion of F. T. Tagg, the Steward of the Superannuated

Fund was ordered to pay to Mrs. W. T. Wright, the amount remaining of the appropriation to Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, now deceased.
Conference adjourned.

SABBATH.

J. J. Murray preached the morning sermon, after which J. S. Bowers, J. H. Daugherty and J. H. Maynard were ordained elders by the President, J. T. Murray, assisted by S. B. Southerland and W. S. Hammond.

In the afternoon a meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions, at which addresses were delivered by H. C. Cushing and T. D. Valiant.

In the evening, D. L. Greenfield preached the sermon, after which the church was dedicated by the President, assisted by S. B. Southerland and S. A. Hoblitzell.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

MARCH 17th, 1884.

E. B. Smith was appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the H. and F. Missionary Steward.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their report, showing \$317.87 collected in the District for this cause, and naming six persons as Life Directors in the Maryland Bible Society. The report was adopted (see Reports, M, and Table of Collections).

The Committee on Statistics reported. The report showed the following totals: Members, 14,548; Probationers, 822; Received, 1,194; Deceased, 202; Withdrawn, 202; Removed, 195; Discontinued, 401; Increase, 778; Decrease, 396; Parsonages, 56; Churches, 229½; Church Periodicals, 1,339; Value of Church Property, \$753,035; Church Debts, \$31,471.86; Sabbath Schools, 199; Officers, 880; Teachers, 1,675; Scholars, 16,105; M. P. Papers taken, 10,694; Other Papers, 2,363; Volumes, 29,405; Conversions, 442. The report was adopted (see Statistics).

Communications from Revs. John Gregory and T. H. Colhouer, fraternal messengers from the Pittsburgh Conference, were read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from

the table for action. The first item appropriating \$7,250 to claimants for the ensuing year, was adopted. The second item was amended and adopted. The third item was adopted (see Reports, N)

The resolution from Sub-District No. 5, referred to Conference by the Committee on Superannuates, was laid on the table.

On motion of W. S. Hammond, 2.30 P. M. was fixed for the meeting of the Electoral College.

D. W. Bates offered a resolution authorizing pastors to receive subscriptions to the Superannuated Fund on the Judge Hopper plan, which was adopted (see Resolutions, VII).

The Special Committee to audit the report of the H. and F. Missionary Steward, reported the accounts correct, and was discharged.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution, empowering the editor of *THE METHODIST PROTESTANT* and the pastor of W. Baltimore to arrange for transportation to the next Conference, which was adopted (see Resolutions, VIII).

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund made his report, showing the following totals: Amount assessed, \$1,130; amount paid, \$959.72; for investment, \$146.05; for distribution, \$813.67; received from Invested Fund, \$4,290.51; total per cent. paid on claims, .6678 (see Reports, O, and Table of Collections).

H. C. Stern asked to be left without appointment for one year, and his request was granted.

The Committee on Missions made their report. The first item appropriating \$2,100 was adopted. The second item, after debate, was adopted. The third item was amended and adopted (see Reports, P).

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted (see Reports, S).

The report of the Committee on Tract Cause was read, showing \$534.64, collections for this cause. The report was adopted (see Reports, V, and Table of Collections).

The Conference Steward reported back the account of the Committee on Publication of Minutes, with his endorsement, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Literature was read and its consideration, on motion of L. W. Bates, postponed.

The Home Missionary Steward presented his report, showing the following totals: Collections from the District, \$1,524.36; dues at Conference, \$65.75; collections at Anniversary, \$71.80—total, \$1,661.91. Paid deficiencies of 1882, \$927.60; paid Missionaries of

1883, \$714.24; paid for Certificates, \$7.57; paid T. A. Murray for professional services, \$10; paid Treasurer, \$2.50. The report was adopted (see Reports, R, and Table of Collections).

Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

MARCH 18th, 1884.

The report of the Committee on Literature was taken up for consideration, and after remarks by L. W. Bates, B. F. Benson, J. W. Charlton and T. D. Valiant, was adopted (see Reports, W).

The vote adopting the report of the Committee on Missions was, on motion of the chairman of the committee reconsidered, and the appropriation to Wilmington changed to \$100; the appropriation to Sussex placed at the discretion of the President, and an appropriation made to Campbell of \$50.

The report was then adopted.

A resolution offered by H. C. Cushing on the subject of plans for raising the assessments of the Conference, and supported by him in some remarks on the hurtful tendency of fairs and festivals, was adopted, with the understanding that the right of interpreting the resolution belonged to each pastor (see Resolutions, IX).

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was read and adopted (see Reports, X).

The vote adopting the report of the Committee on Boundaries was reconsidered, and Bethel was attached to Lynchburg. The report was then adopted.

On motion of B. F. Benson, Conference proceeded to elect five members of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary. J. J. Murray nominated the present incumbents, and the Secretary, by unanimous consent, was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for L. W. Bates, J. D. Kinzer, J. T. Murray, J. W. Hering and W. J. C. Dulany, to serve for the ensuing four years.

S. R. Murray offered a resolution requiring Pastors to deposit money for Foreign Missions in the Conference box, which was adopted (see Resolutions, X).

The Committee on Finance presented a report of assessments for the ensuing year. The totals were: For Seminary, \$1,196; Minis

terial Education, \$685.50; Superannuated Fund, \$1,137; Foreign Missions, \$1,870; Home Missions, \$3,138; President's Salary, \$2,175; Expenses of General Conference, \$587.50 (see Table of Assessments, except last item, which by order of Conference is omitted). The report was adopted.

B. F. Benson offered a resolution requesting pastors to co-operate with the President of Western Maryland College in securing students, which was adopted (see Resolutions, XI).

J. R. Catoⁿ offered a paper recommending to the General Convention a change in Article XI. of the Constitution, which was adopted (see Resolutions, XII).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted (see Reports, Y).

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution requiring Pastors to report, immediately after the rise of Conference, the amount of money raised in their charges by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was amended by S. B. Tredway requiring the Secretary to add that question to pastor's blanks for the future, and adopted (see Resolutions, XIII).

The report of the Conference Steward was presented and adopted (see Table of Collections).

The President called attention to the extraordinary powers conferred on the Executive by the last Conference, with reference to the work in South Carolina. Four persons had been recommended to him for ordination, by Francis Brown and E. R. Washington, and unless there were objection, he should authorize the ordination of those persons.

F. T. Tagg moved that Conference adjourn to meet at 7.30 P. M. Adopted.

EVENING.

L. W. Bates offered a resolution conferring additional powers on the Faculty of Instruction, which was adopted (see Resolutions, XIV).

T. H. Lewis offered a paper presenting greetings to F. C. Klein, Missionary to Japan, which was adopted by a rising vote, accompanied by singing the missionary hymn (see Resolutions, XV).

Resolutions of thanks were adopted by rising vote, to the friends of Pocomoke City and vicinity; to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies; to the Secretaries and Stewards; to S. A. Hoblitzell and to F. H. Mullineaux (see Resolutions, XVI).

H. G. Cowan was elected to orders, with the understanding that he would continue his studies with the Faculty of Instruction, and ordained by the President, with L. W. Bates and T. D. Valiant assisting.

The President announced the Plan of Appointments (see Reports, Z), and Conference finally adjourned, to meet in Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday, April 1, 1885.

THOS. H. LEWIS,
Secretary.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

The Electoral College, pursuant to resolution of Conference, was organized on Monday, March 17th, at 2.30 P. M., by the election of L. W. Bates as Chairman, and W. S. Hammond Secretary.

On motion, the chair appointed S. B. Southerland, J. L. Killgore and Horace Burrough, judges.

Ballot was ordered for ten ministerial representatives and ten lay representatives; the ministers and laymen of the College voting separately.

At the conclusion of six ballots the chair announced that the full number of representatives had been elected, and the College adjourned.

The following is the list in the order of election :

MINISTERIAL.

1. L. W. Bates,
2. J. T. Murray,
3. W. S. Hammond,
4. S. B. Southerland,
5. F. T. Tagg,
6. J. J. Murray,
7. J. D. Kinzer,
8. T. H. Lewis,
9. T. D. Valiant,
10. E. J. Drinkhouse.

LAY.

1. J. W. Hering,
2. C. W. Button,
3. W. J. C. Dulany,
4. Joseph D. Baker,
5. W. B. Usilton,
6. Horace Burrough,
7. James R. Caton,
8. S. S. Ewell,
9. John Mason,
10. J. W. Thompson.

Alternates: Ministerial—W. M. Strayer, D. L. Greenfield, Wm. Dale, B. F. Benson, J. L. Killgore. Lay—H. F. Zollickoffer, D. A. C. Webster, A. J. Fairbank, John G. Clarke, Edward Saulsbury.

W. S. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.—See page 10.

TIME OF ANNIVERSARIES.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary Society hold its anniversary on Friday evening, and the Superannuated Fund Society hold its anniversary on Monday evening; that in the future these anniversaries be held on these evenings, alternating the order of their occurrence, and that this be the standing rule of the Conference.

II.—See page 12.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish all charges left unsupplied separately from the regular plan of appointments.

III.—See page 13.

DECEASE OF JAMES BOYER.

WHEREAS, This Conference has received, during this session, the sad intelligence of the death of Brother James Boyer, delegate elect to this Conference from Frederick Circuit; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our regret and sorrow for the decease of our worthy and honored brother, so recently taken from us, who was a devoted Christian, zealous worker, and loyal to the Church.

Resolved, That this paper be recorded in the Minutes of this Conference, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

IV.—See page 14.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Conference that all motions to fix the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

V.—See page 14.

ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

Resolved, That this Conference most cordially accepts the declaration of the last General Conference relative to the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Protestant Church (Discipline, p. 48), and deprecates any action on the part of any officer of the Church to detract from the influence of said declaration.

VI.—See page 15.

B. F. BENSON.

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Conference that the removal of B. F. Benson from the pastorate of Frederick Circuit annulled the contract made at the last session respecting the College assessment.

VII.—See page 17.

SUPERANNUATED FUND.

Resolved, That every pastor in the Maryland Annual Conference be authorized to solicit subscribers to the Superannuated Fund on the Judge Hopper plan, viz: Five dollars per year for five years.

VIII.—See page 17.**TRANSPORTATION.**

Resolved, That the Editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT and the pastor of West Baltimore be requested by this Conference to act as a committee to arrange for all transportation to the next Conference.

IX.—See page 18.**PLAN FOR RAISING ASSESSMENTS.**

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that ministers in raising the amounts assessed to their several charges should use only such means as tend to the cultivation and increase of the true spirit of charity among their people.

X.—See page 18.**FOREIGN MISSIONARY COLLECTION.**

Resolved, That all monies brought to Conference for Foreign Missions shall be put in the Conference box with the other collections.

XI.—See page 19.**WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.**

Resolved, That our pastors be earnestly requested to send to the President of Western Maryland College, a list of such persons on their respective charges as may have children to whom they design, or may be persuaded to give, a collegiate education.

XII.—See page 19.**TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.**

Resolved, That the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church recommend that the General Convention so amend Article XI. of the Constitution, in reference to station and circuit stewards, as to read—The station, circuit and mission stewards shall be elected annually—in the stations by the qualified members, including ministers and preachers; and in circuits and missions by the Quarterly Conference. But every qualified member present shall be entitled to vote in the election of circuit and mission stewards.

XIII.—See page 19.**WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

Resolved, That since only three dollars have been reported to this Conference, as received by the W. F. M. S. of this District during the present year, the pastors be required, immediately after the rise of Conference, to report to the Committee on Publication of Minutes all collections made on their charges during the year, and the same be added to the list published in the Minutes, and that the Secretary be instructed to add to the questions on pastors' blanks, "W. F. M. S. Collections."

XIV.—See page 19.**FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.**

Resolved, That the Faculty of Instruction be, and hereby are, empowered to recommend the discontinuance of any ministerial member of this Conference who, in their judgment, cannot be profitably employed, and is not entitled to a superannuated relation.

XV.—See page 19.

GREETING TO F. C. KLEIN.

Our dear brother and companion in ministerial labors, Rev. F. C. Klein, has safely crossed the ocean, and auspiciously begun his work in Japan for God, for the Christless and for the Methodist Protestant Church.

We salute him in the Lord. We send him the good tidings that the missionary spirit among us is constantly widening and strengthening; that we are united and prosperous in our work at home, and that, without ceasing, we make mention in our prayers of him and all who labor with him. We greet him with our watchword for 1884: Our Mission Home free from debt; a hundred members for the first Methodist Protestant Church in Japan, and all for Christ.

XVI.—See page 19.

THANKS.

1. *Resolved*, That the members of the Conference hereby return thanks to the friends of Pocomoke City and its vicinity for their pleasant and hospitable entertainment during our sojourn in their midst, and that we will long remember our pleasant Conference in this city.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies which have given reduced fare to those in attendance upon its sessions.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Secretaries and Stewards for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous labors.

4. *Resolved*. That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, the pastor of this church, for the kindness and urbanity with which he has treated and provided for the members of this Conference.

5. *Resolved* That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. F. H. Mullineaux, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of Postmaster.

REPORTS.

A.—See page 9.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: A retrospective survey of the field of operations, and an aggregation of the results of the year just closed, give occasion for humble thankfulness "unto God, who causeth us to triumph," and for hopeful anticipation of the future of our beloved Zion. Nothing has disturbed the peace of our ecclesiastical household. No death has occurred in our ministerial ranks. Revivals of greater extent have occurred in some of the churches, while there has been a spiritual quickening generally in the District. Through a kind

Providence my health has been preserved, and I have been enabled to visit the charges of the District without missing a single appointment.

UNSUPPLIED CHURCHES.

In the beginning of the year we were greatly embarrassed by a lack of ministers to supply the churches. Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., after forty-one years' useful and honorable service, retired to the Superannuated list; Revs. W. J. Neeper and J. M. Yingling were placed on the same list on account of impaired health; Revs. J. A. Weigand and A. D. Murray were left without appointments at their own request; Rev. R. S. Norris entered the service of the Maryland Tract Society as Corresponding Secretary; Rev. C. B. Middleton was loaned to the Board of Missions to serve the Church at Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. F. C. Klein was separated unto the work in Japan. In addition to these were two who went out from us. Ten in all were drawn from the source of supply, which not only left some churches unsupplied, but modified the general plan of appointments.

HOW SUPPLIED.

How to meet the urgent demands of the unsupplied churches was a matter of much perplexity to the Executive. In the course of time they were nearly all met. Leipsic was immediately given in charge of Rev. W. J. D. Lucas, of Clayton Circuit. Rev. H. G. Cowan was appointed, April 17, to Amelia Mission, and subsequently made arrangement with Surry Circuit to give it monthly preaching, Rev. R. W. Berryman being also employed on Surry. Rev. B. F. Benson having been elected Vice-President of Western Maryland College, was in July released from Frederick Circuit. Rev. E. O. Ewing came by transfer from West Virginia Conference; his transfer received my endorsement, and he was appointed to the vacancy on Frederick Circuit; he entered upon his duties at the beginning of September. Revs. D. W. Bates, D. D., and J. A. Weigand alternated in preaching at Kennedyville until autumn, when the latter took charge by appointment of the President. Portsville was detached from Union Circuit by assent of the Annual Conference, but no provision was made for its pastoral needs. Rev. J. B. Jones, appreciating the value of this church, and sympathizing with the shepherdless flock, at special personal sacrifice gave it regular pastoral service. In April, Rev. W. J. Neeper entered, with my concurrence, into an arrangement to serve, as health would permit, North Carolina Avenue Church. Rev. W. W. White consented to add Rainsburg to his work, and thus saved that good field from neglect. During college vacation, Rev. J. W. Kirk was sent as temporary supply to Georgetown, and in September Rev. A. D. Murray was appointed associate pastor of that church. During vacation, Rev. J. J. Thompson assisted on Anne Arundel, but the irregular and brief periods at which Rev. W. J. Floyd has had assistance has left the place of associate virtually unsupplied during the year.

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

I cannot give the net increase of members for the year. Reports from all but six of the churches give an aggregate of twelve hundred and twenty-nine received on probation or into full membership. This does not give the full number, for in some instances the number of probationers was not reported, and in others the net increase.

NEW CHURCHES.

Nine new churches have been built or completed: Bethesda, Clayton Circuit, rebuilt—cost \$950; Vienna, Dorchester Circuit, when finished will have cost \$4,000—amount so far expended and paid, \$2,450; Pocomoke City, cost \$8,000, of which \$4,700 is to the credit of this year; Hungry Neck, Quantico Circuit, \$800; Harrington, finished, \$2,400—one-half raised this year; Union Bridge, Pipe Creek Circuit, \$4,500, of which sum \$3,000 is to the credit of this year; Zion, Deer Park Circuit, \$1,200—amount paid, \$550; New Hope, Pittsville, \$500. Aggregate cost, \$23,400, of which amount \$15,300 is to the credit of the year current.

NEW CHURCHES COMMENCED.

Several new churches have been either commenced or arrangements made to commence them at the opening of spring. Mount Nebo and Delta, on Fawn Grove Circuit, both commenced, and \$1,500 paid on them; Lewistown, Laurel Station, \$600 in hand; Crotcher's Ferry, Dorchester Circuit, \$1,000 provided; Brandenburg, Deer Park Circuit, foundation laid, and \$500 provided for building. Aggregate, thirty-six hundred dollars.

PARSONAGES.

New parsonages have been built or purchased as follows: Middleway, West Virginia—cost, \$600; Surry, \$800; Quantico, \$1,000, with debt of \$250; Harrington, \$1,850, with mortgage of \$1,200; Crumpton, unfinished, \$1,000; Accomac, unfinished, \$600; Powellsville, \$500. Total, \$6,300; debt, \$1,450.

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBTS PAID.

Bedford, \$150; Harper's Ferry, \$33; Washington Street, \$300; Chesapeake, \$150; Campbell, \$100; Frederick, \$150; First Church, \$100; Centreville, \$200; Hampden \$350; South Baltimore, \$350; Finksburg, \$100; Broadway, \$1,000; Liberty, \$1,500; Talbot, \$1,800; Somerset, \$1,350; Snow Hill, \$250; Anne Arundel, \$500; Bel Air, \$200; Potomac, \$400; Easton, \$1,275; Pipe Creek, \$450; Ninth Street, \$200; Cambridge, \$500; Caroline, \$350; Susquehanna, \$150; Pittsville, \$450; Kent Island, \$205; Newark, N. J., \$2,600—Total, \$15,163.

The whole amount raised on churches and parsonages during the year is \$36,613.

ASSESSMENTS.

Our denomination is composed of various Conferences united in one general organization for mutual benefit; and an inner circle of various societies united in Conference Districts, bound together in mutual helps and dependencies. There are benefits accruing to the local societies from the Annual and General Conferences. To sustain the General and Annual Conference institutions funds are required, and as these exist for the benefit of the local churches, it is but caring for their own when the churches pay the assessments made by the General and Annual Conferences. Congregationalism may exist without such taxation, but a connexional system cannot be maintained without it. As to the amount of the assessments, my observation has satisfied me that in general they are not excessive, scarcely so in exceptional instances. We cannot make a decent pretense to be a Church worthy of respect by doing less. Two things, however, are needed. First, a simple and uniform system of collec-

tions, honestly and earnestly applied. Second, a more judicious and well-balanced plan of assessments. Some are made on one basis, and some on another; some by General Conference recommendation, and some by Annual Conference regulation. A *per capita* plan is not judicious. It leaves no room for discrimination as to ability, locality, and the education of the community in schemes of benevolence. The available resources from the societies ascertained by the averages of several years' contributions would be more reliable. I think this matter should be committed to the Committee on Finance or to a Special Committee.

CHANGES IN COMMITTEES.

I suggest that you dispense with the Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside of the Maryland District; that on Fraternal Relations is sufficient for the purpose. Change the name of the Committee on Western Maryland College to Committee on Education; discontinue Ministerial Education, merging it into the Committee on Education. I think it would be advisable to merge the separate Committees on Bible and Tract Cause into one committee, to be styled Benevolent Agencies. These changes would expedite business.

SUPPORT OF MINISTERS.

I cannot too urgently press the necessity of an adequate support of our ministers. Discouragement arises from inadequate allowance and tardy payments. Too frequently is the pastoral relation prematurely severed from this cause. Looking to the future, ministers are apprehensive that the time when their expenses shall be at a maximum will be a juncture when the places open to them promising a support will be reduced to a minimum. One of our best qualified ministers in a letter to me wrote this sentence of melancholy significance: "It seems unfortunate that as a minister approaches superannuation his expenses should increase and his salary grow less." Either secularization or superannuation is sometimes forced upon men whose ripening graces, wisdom and experience make them more than ever fit for the pastoral office. Superannuation in form often comes before it exists in fact; and this, the disparity between the increase of the Superannuated Fund and the number of superannuates, notwithstanding. The younger men who are thoughtful, prudent enough to foresee the evil, will contemplate with such results as the dictates of prudence in the average man will produce. The matter of ministerial support is one of vital moment.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The needs of the Theological Seminary require your special attention. The demand for a ministry trained in the schools of the Church has been conceded and there is no possible backward step. More than we realized at the time have we linked the fortunes of the Conference with the Theological Seminary. We are shut up to this resource for the recruits to our ministerial ranks. The Church has discouraged young men from coming, as formerly, from the farm, or shop, or store, into the itinerancy, and few do come after that manner; hence just in the transition period there is a great lack of young ministers in the Conference. As we cannot depend upon the old, the necessity of sustaining the new system is imperative.

Fraternally,

J. T. MURRAY.

B.—See page 13.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the President of the Conference, respectfully recommend:

1. That a special committee be appointed to consider that part of the Report referring to a plan of assessments, and report the result of their deliberations to this Conference at its next session.

2. That the following suggestions be adopted: "That you dispense with the Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside of the District; merge the separate Committees on Bible and Tract Cause into one, to be styled 'Benevolent Agencies,' and discontinue the Committee on Ministerial Education, merging it into the Committee on Education."

J. M. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

C.—See page 10.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes reports that 1250 copies of the Minutes of 1883 were published at the following cost:

Printing	\$90.58
Paper	26.25
Binding.....	5.50
Postage, &c.	16.00
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	\$138.33
Paid bill for Conference Bibles.....	4.00
Paid bill for Stationery.....	4.00
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	\$146.33

By Cash from Conference Steward, \$138.54.

The deficiency was nearly met by sales of copies after distribution.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. LEWIS.

D.—See pages 11, 12, 15.

EDUCATION.

1. The Committee on Education respectfully report that they have had under consideration the papers relating to the Westminster Theological Seminary, and find occasion to congratulate the Conference on the very encouraging success that has attended this enterprise thus far, and we recommend the adoption of the report of the Board of Governors item by item.

2. From a careful examination of the report of the President, Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward, and from other reliable information, it appears that Western Maryland College is most favorably organized for proficiency in its work. The Faculty is faithful, harmonious and efficient. The administration of discipline is judicious and effective, and the management of the business and domestic department is satisfactory. But it is to be regretted that, notwithstanding these favorable circumstances, the number of students enrolled during the present scholastic year is twenty-four less than it was last year. Your Committee agree with President Ward in attributing this decrease mainly to the fact that we have no agent in the field. It has become evident that the fact

must be carried to the homes of our people, not only that we have a college under the management of our own Church, but that they can educate their children there as thoroughly and as cheaply as elsewhere. That provision must be made for personal solicitation of patronage is no longer a question. It is a necessity.

But your Committee, imperative as is this demand for a college agent, is unable to recommend a suitable person who is available for the position. And in lieu thereof, would respectfully recommend that the Board of Trustees and the Faculty take into consideration the expediency of making such arrangements as will enable some member of the Faculty to do this important work. We would also recommend that President Ward's plan of local agencies be commended to the consideration of the Board.

Your Committee think that President Ward is to be congratulated on the degree of success that has attended his plan to raise, by voluntary donations, the money to add Ward Hall to the college buildings, and we recommend that the President be requested to appoint a suitable person to solicit funds to aid Dr. Ward in paying the balance of \$450 which is due on that valuable building, and for which he has become personally responsible.

Your Committee further recommend that the college assessment of last year be reduced 25 per cent., and that the list of pledges of last year be read to the Conference.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary, in accordance with the instructions of the last Conference, submits its first report of "matters touching the interest of said Seminary."

1. The Board was organized May 2d, by the election of Dr. L. W. Bates, Chairman; Dr. J. W. Hering, Treasurer; and J. D. Kinzer, Secretary. Professors were elected, and the courses of study were adopted as found in the printed catalogue of the Seminary. Application has been made to the Legislature of Maryland for a Charter embracing the points named in the paper adopted at the last Conference. One modification was deemed expedient by the Board, and has been made, viz.: providing for five instead of four members to be elected by the General Conference. The thanks of the Board and the Conference are due to Hon. C. B. Roberts, Attorney-General of the State, for his gratuitous services in preparing our Charter and presenting it to the Legislature.

2. No debt has been incurred during the year. The salary of the President has been provided for by the Conference, and the current receipts have been made to cover all our current expenses. The effort has been diligently made by the circulation of our catalogue, by official letters addressed to all the Conferences at their session, and by personal visitation of the President, to enlist the Conferences contiguous to our own in the support of the Seminary. The following Conferences have pledged themselves to active co-operation, and the hope is well founded that in a few years the burden now resting upon Maryland alone will be shared by these and other Conferences, viz.: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North Mississippi, Tennessee and West Tennessee. The amount received to date, from this source, five Conferences only contributing, is \$88.90.

3. The President has collected nearly twelve hundred dollars towards paying for the buildings erected for the Seminary. The debt at the last Conference was twenty-five hundred dollars. Of this amount five hundred was paid

last July, and there is now in hand about five hundred and fifty dollars toward the further reduction of the debt. This amount will be paid immediately, leaving the debt and interest about sixteen hundred dollars; and uncollected subscriptions, about four hundred dollars. We ask the Conference to commend President Lewis to the co-operation and liberality of the Church in further efforts to collect the entire amount.

4. The history of the Seminary during these two years has brought into prominence some facts which the Church generally has but dimly apprehended.

(1.) There is a demand in the Methodist Protestant Church for a Theological Seminary which cannot, without great detriment, be disregarded. In all the borders of our Zion there is a call for educated young men in the work of the ministry; and this call is heard more distinctly within the territory of the Southern Conferences. For the lack of young men fully prepared for the ministry, the towns and cities are, many of them, unoccupied by us. The old conditions of itinerant work, in which a large part of the ministers' time was spent in the saddle, and one or two new sermons a month was ample for all the demands of an efficient ministry, have passed away. To-day, if we would meet the imperative need of the times, we must have a young ministry thoroughly furnished unto every good work, and equal to all the demands upon the ministry in the great centres of population. And this demand is apparent not only in the call of the Church for an educated ministry, but in the irrepressible desire and aspiration of the young men themselves. It is not possible in many cases to-day to hurry young men called of God to the ministry from the store, the workshop, or the farm into the itinerant work. Young people to-day are awake to the importance of education in every department of life; and they immediately look and inquire for the means and helps to preparation for this great work. There have been twenty students in the Seminary this year for the Conferences of Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina and Alabama. This fact alone vindicates the wisdom of the Conference in establishing the Seminary.

(2.) If we do not furnish Theological instruction for the young men who are called to the ministry among us, they will find their way into the schools of other churches. And if they pass through the Theological Seminary of some other church, they are not likely to come back to enter the ranks of our Conferences. The Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches are all over the land, touching our circuits and stations everywhere, and the way to their Seminaries is made very easy and inviting to promising young men. If we would cultivate our own field, gather the fruit, and do all the work to which God plainly calls us in this age, we must sustain this Seminary.

(3.) It is now clear to the Board of Governors that by proper effort the Theological Seminary may be sustained and made a school of the prophets worthy of the Church in the coming years. The plan of organization and work is, we think, the most economical possible, consistent with thorough instruction. It is reasonable to expect that when the interests of the institution shall have been brought before the General Conference, and it is understood that we have here a recruiting office for the Church, a standing invitation for young men to devote themselves to the Christian ministry, the burden of its support will be distributed among many Conferences.

5. We transmit herewith the report of the President of the Seminary, covering the work performed by him and his associates in the Faculty during the year.

6. We also submit a detailed financial statement by the Treasurer of the Board for the examination of the Conference.

The Board, in conclusion, makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference confirm our selection of Rev. Thomas H. Lewis to the Presidency for another year.

2. That, appreciating the necessity of having at least one man in the Faculty able to devote his whole time to the work of the Seminary, an earnest

effort be made to furnish us with the whole amount assessed by the General Conference.

3. That the name of the assessment be "Seminary" instead of "College," and so printed in the Minutes; and that the present assessment be reduced so as to bring the amount down to our absolute needs.

L. W. BATES,
J. T. MURRAY,
J. W. HERING,
W. J. C. DULANY,
J. D. KINZER.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF W. M. COLLEGE.

To the President and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference in Session at Pocomoke City:

DEAR BRETHREN: The condition of Western Maryland College is, in a general sense, encouraging; but it is in some particulars such as to call for special concern on the part of the friends of the institution. An unusually large class graduated in June last, and the number of students enrolled for the present Collegiate year is not sufficient to make up for the vacancy thus caused (see Statistics accompanying this report). This is doubtless mainly attributable to the fact that there was no traveling agent employed last year, as there had been during every previous year in our College history. True, we tried the experiment of advertising more extensively than we had ever done before, expending more than half the amount hitherto paid for the services of an agent; but the experiment succeeded only to a very limited degree, and it is my conviction that even if we had spent an amount fully equal to an agent's salary the result would have been not much more satisfactory. A certain amount of advertising is, no doubt, profitable, but no amount of it will answer in the stead of personal approach to families having children to send to College. I think the necessity of personal agency is imperative, and if we cannot get one person to undertake it, the next best thing to do would be to employ any number of suitable persons we can get who may be willing to act as agents in particular localities, and to allow them a fair compensation for their services. Certainly none could be more suitable for such work than the pastors and leading laymen of the Church, and many of these have rendered some such services gratuitously; but I see no reason why there should be any objection to their being formally engaged at stipulated rates of remuneration. The work would be in entire harmony with the regular Church work, and our Trustees could afford to pay well for it. I would respectfully suggest that some action might be taken by the Conference that would encourage the Trustees to adopt measures for employing and handsomely remunerating those willing to engage in such agencies.

In a former report to the Conference I suggested the importance of visitation to our college by ministers under appointment of the President of the Conference. I still think this would be useful. Visits from ministers of the Gospel at any time would be beneficial as well as acceptable, but an official visit, if only once or twice a year, would, in my opinion, have a peculiarly happy effect.

By the blessing of God upon the co-operation of the friends of Western Maryland College, it has come to be possessed of as good accommodations for students as any need desire. The locality is remarkably healthful. A full corps of teachers, competent, faithful and conscientious, has been provided. Students are furnished with every facility for improvement in knowledge and virtue. But there is as yet no invested fund, and the expenses of the institution can be met in no other way than by reasonable charges for board and tuition promptly paid by a sufficient number. Every friend of the College, therefore, should exert his influence to keep the number of students full all the time. As the institution is under the special patronage and control of the Methodist Protestant Church, it has been, is, and must continue to be mainly dependent upon the members and friends of this Church for its support and

extended usefulness. This Church has paid for and owns the property, and it should be, as it is in a proper sense, regarded as one of the most important interests of the Church as well as of the general community. If it is not now so much as formerly the only school we have for the preparation of young men for the work of the ministry—since we now have a special Seminary for that special purpose—still, it does valuable service for the Church even in this connection, and it contemplates, in all its work, the training of young men and women for positions of usefulness in whatever sphere they may be called to fill in life.

Dear brethren of the Conference, in addition to your continued co-operation for the sustenance and support of the College in its temporalities, allow me to ask also in its behalf, your continued earnest prayers for His blessing who alone can enable those who conduct the institution to make it a real power for good in the highest sense.

All of which is respectfully submitted by yours fraternally,

J. T. WARD *President W. M. C.*

STATISTICS.

Number of Students enrolled 1882-'83	132
“ “ “ 1883-'84	108
Number of graduates June, 1883	21
“ to graduate, “ 1884	3
“ of State Scholarships	23
“ of County “	12

Of the whole number of students enrolled for 1883-'84, 66 are males and 42 females

Boarding in the college, 35 males and 29 females.

Of the male students, three room in the Theological Seminary building. All the students of the Seminary (being seventeen besides the three College students having the ministry in view) take their meals at the College.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Estimated value of College buildings, ground, furniture, &c.	\$35,000 00
Nett indebtedness reported at Trustees' meeting, January, 1884 ...	5,189 19

“WARD HALL.”

Amount paid on the finished half-section (including furnace and furniture.....	\$ 2,833 57
Amount yet to be paid, and for which the President of the College has personally assumed the responsibility, relying on the friends of the College to enable him to meet it, about.....	450 00

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN: We have only to report that since your last annual meeting the sum of forty dollars has been received and placed to the credit of the Society, and that the collections for College liquidation of debt (floating) on the Walker plan remain as twelve months ago, a considerable sum outstanding, of which some may yet be made available.

There is due on the second of two one thousand dollar notes to John Smith, \$369, less the forty dollars now in hand, which will be paid over to the College for its liquidation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE.

E.—See page 11.

BOARD OF MANAGERS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers report the following letter to the Conference:

BUCKEYSTOWN, March 4th, 1884.

Rev. W. S. Hammond, Dear Brother: Your letter to Dr. Killgore relative to two resolutions passed by the Annual Conference and asking a reply thereto

is before us for reply. Answering the first, we would say that the debt of the Frederick Church to the Benevolent Society is for money loaned secured by mortgage. We could not without knowing the character of the security offered answer in advance whether the loan would be transferred or not. In regard to the abatement of interest due on said mortgage, we answer negatively.

Replying to the second resolution, we desire to say that while the humblest member of the M. P. Church who had sufficient interest in the welfare of the Church to inquire all about the Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society would be afforded every facility of information, and from its origin to the present time could know all about it (as the Society has no secrets), yet we repudiate the idea of any committee coming by authority for the purpose of investigating the affairs of the Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society.

Yours truly,
W. G. BAKER, Secretary.

A. W. NICODEMUS,
President.

F.—See page 14.

MINISTERIAL SUPPLY.

The Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside the District, beg leave to submit the following report :

1. St. John's Church officially asks this Conference to furnish it a ministerial supply for the ensuing Conference year in the person of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D. We recommend that the request be granted.

2. Heathsville Circuit, in the person of a messenger, and by a letter from the President of the Virginia Conference, asks to be supplied as formerly, for the ensuing year, and desires Rev. H. E. Miskimon to be returned. We recommend that the request be granted.

3. The Board of Missions, through the Corresponding Secretary, having applied to this Conference for a supply for the church under its charge in Atlanta, Ga., we recommend that a minister be loaned to the Board of Missions for that purpose, provided the President shall find that it can be done without detriment to our own Conference needs.

C. T. COCHEL, *Chairman.*

G.—See page 15.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

The Faculty of Instruction report as follows :

1. E. A. Warfield was marked 100 in each of the studies of the Preparatory Class, and the same number on Church History and Homiletics in the first year ; and 100 on Institutions of Christianity, Church History and Homiletics in the second year ; and the same number on Watson, Church History, Moral Science and Homiletics in the third year.

Jesse W. Norris was marked 100 in English Grammar, Synopsis on the New Testament, and on the Discipline, Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners, and The Contrast by L. W. Bates. He was also passed by two of the examiners of the first year.

Horace G. Cowan was marked 100 by J. T. Lassell and J. L. Mills, examiners in the Preparatory Course.

Samuel F. Cassen was marked 100 in Church History and Homiletics and passed to the second year.

John M. Gill was marked 100 in Watson's Institutes in the second and third years and was passed to the third year.

John S. Bowers was marked 100 on Church History, Watson's Institutes and Wayland's Moral Science.

J. W. Balderston was marked 100 on Watson, Mosheim, Wayland and Phelps.

The following resolution was passed: "*Resolved*, That members of the Faculty be instructed not to allow candidates to choose examiners outside of the Faculty."

A committee on adjustment between the course of study at the Theological Seminary and that of the Faculty was appointed. This committee made a partial report, which was adopted as follows: 1. Substitute in the Preparatory Course for Watson's Institutes: Evidences of Christianity, Binney's Theological Compend. All applicants coming through this class are required to furnish a written sermon. J. T. Lassell will examine upon the New Testament, Smith's Smaller Scripture History, and English Grammar. The committee was continued that its work may be completed during the year.

Thomas H. Lewis was elected a member of the Faculty.

R. S. Norris offered his resignation as a member of the Faculty. It was accepted with regrets. T. D. Valiant was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Faculty of Instruction as Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, report as follows:

For the Itinerancy—Edwin A. Warfield, Jesse W. Norris, Horace G. Cowan, Charles H. Day.

For Orders—John S. Bowers, James H. Daugherty, James H. Maynard, Horace G. Cowan.

With the President—James H. Maynard.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

H.—See page 15.

BOUNDARIES.

Committee on Boundaries beg leave to report the following:

1. That Rainsburg be united to Bedford, and Bedford be supplied with two preachers.

2. That the request of Anne Arundel be granted, that White Marsh be set off as a Mission, provided the President can give the supply asked for (an unmarried man).

3. That Frederick City be united to Jefferson.

4. That Indian River sustain the same relation to the Conference as last year.

5. That Portsville and Wheatley be attached to Union, to be supplied with a married and single man.

6. That Bethel be taken from Southside and attached to Lynchburg, and Tyreanna from Southside and attached to Campbell.

S. S. EWELL, *Chairman*.

J.—See page 15.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following report:

1. The collections for this fund the present year amounted to \$481 98, which is \$1.94 more than the amount raised last year, but falls far below the Conference assessments. We feel constrained to call especial attention to this deficiency and to emphasize the importance of this interest. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board informs us that there are quite a number of candidates for the ministry, some of whom have been recommended to the Board by their respective Conferences, who are not in either of our Colleges because there are no funds available for their assistance. The Church needs the services of these men, and should afford them such aid as their circumstances require.

2. We are pleased to learn that there are thirty-six candidates for the ministry pursuing their studies this year; twenty of them are at Westminster, Md., and sixteen at Adrian, Mich. Only seven of these are being aided by the Board at present, but others will need help before they complete the course of study contemplated.

3 In the absence of Rev. J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the General Board, your Committee respectfully suggests that Rev. T. H. Lewis, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, who is also closely connected with this work, and so well advised as to its needs and merits, shall present its claims to this Conference.

4. The Corresponding Secretary recommends that the collections be paid over to C. H. Williams, Secretary of Foreign Missions. Your Committee will do so if so directed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

K.—See page 15.

APPEAL OF M. B. INSCO.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of M. B. Insko from the action of the members of the South Baltimore Station M. P. Church, respectfully report that we know of no law for the election of a lady as delegate to an Annual Conference.

R. S. ROWE, *Chairman.*

[For the information of members of the church, the law of the Maryland District on Suffrage and Eligibility to Office is inserted in this place. The law was enacted at the Easton Conference, in 1878, and was published in the Minutes for that year, page 27.—SECRETARY.]

LAW OF SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

1. Every minister, preacher and member, in full communion and fellowship, having attained to the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members, in full communion and fellowship, shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders, and those who have attained to the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members," for the purpose indi-

cated in Section 3 of Article IV. of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 104 and 105 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher, and lay member in full communion and fellowship, having attained to the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained to the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a steward and as a trustee, and also as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

L.—See page 15.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The manufacture, the sale, and the use of intoxicating or alcoholic liquors *as a beverage* is an evil for which we have no name; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church is an avowed enemy to all evil; therefore

Resolved, That we, as a religious body, and as citizens of the United States of America, pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means within the scope of our God-given powers to prevent the drinking, to prohibit the sale, and to stop the manufacture of this destroyer of the health, wealth, happiness and lives of our fellow creatures.

Resolved, That so far as practicable, we use unfermented wine in the Holy Communion.

J. B. JONES, *Chairman*.

M.—See page 16.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause respectfully report that \$167.87 have been collected in the District this year for this Cause, and \$150 contributed by Mrs. T. A. Reese, making in all \$317.87. Your Committee respectfully name the following brethren as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society: J. A. Weigand, H. Bruner, W. D. Litsinger.

Mrs. T. A. Reese names for Life Directors: Rev. F. C. Klein, Mrs. F. T. Tagg, Joseph Graham.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. SHERMER, *Chairman*.

N.—See page 17.

SUPERANNUATES.

The Committee on Superannuates beg leave to report the following appropriations for 1884: James Thompson, \$400; J. K. Nichols, \$350; J. A. McFaden, \$400; W. G. Holmes, \$250; D. F. Ewell, \$200; J. W. Everist, \$100; J. H. Ellegood, \$400; W. T. Dumm, \$400; H. J. Day, \$200; D. W. Bates, \$400; W. J. Neepier, \$350; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$200; Mrs. M. H. Whiteside, \$150; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. S. G. Valiant, \$150; Mrs. John Roberts, \$400; Mrs. D. E. Reese, \$250; Mrs. J. E. Read, \$100; Mrs. Thos. Lee, \$200; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$200; Mrs. D. N. Gilbert, \$300; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$200; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$200; Mrs. T. M. Bryan, \$200;

Mrs. I. T. Adkins, \$200; Mrs. W. C. Ames, \$400; Mrs. D. Bowers, \$250; Mrs. W. T. Wright, \$200.

2. We recommend that superannuated ministers connect themselves with the church most contiguous to their residences, and engage in such service to the church as their health and circumstances will permit.

3. In view of the practical difficulties involved in the resolution sent to this Conference by Sub-District No. 5, we cannot recommend its adoption, but on account of its importance, we respectfully refer it back to the Conference.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

O.—See page 17.

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

RECEIPTS FOR 1883.

From Treasurer of Invested Fund	\$4,290 51
From Collections	959 72
Balance in hand from last year	51 47

\$5,301 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
James Thompson.....	\$400 00	\$267 01
J. K. Nichols.....	350 00	233 63
J. A. McFaden.....	400 00	267 01
W. G. Holmes.....	300 00	200 27
D. F. Ewell.....	300 00	200 27
J. W. Everist.....	100 00	66 76
J. H. Ellegood.....	400 00	267 01
W. T. Dumm.....	400 00	267 01
H. J. Day.....	300 00	200 27
J. M. Yingling.....	400 00	267 01
D. W. Bates.....	350 00	233 63
W. J. Neepier.....	400 00	267 01
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	170 00	113 47
“ M. H. Whiteside.....	150 00	100 13
“ S. J. Wilson.....	200 00	133 51
“ S. G. Valiant.....	100 00	66 76
“ J. Roberts.....	400 00	267 01
“ D. E. Reese.....	200 00	133 51
“ J. E. Read.....	100 00	66 76
“ Thos. Lee.....	200 00	133 51
“ G. D. Hamilton.....	200 00	133 51
“ N. S. Greenaway.....	200 00	133 51
“ D. N. Gilbert.....	300 00	200 27
“ C. Eversole.....	250 00	167 11
“ L. A. Collins.....	100 00	66 76
“ T. M. Bryan.....	200 00	133 51
“ I. T. Adkins.....	200 00	133 51
“ W. C. Ames.....	400 00	267 01
“ D. Bowers.....	250 00	167 11

\$7,720 00 \$5,153 85

Expenses..... 77

For Investment..... 146 05

Balance on hand..... 1 03

\$5,301 70

F. T. TAGG, *Steward.*

P.—See page 17.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following report of appropriations: Alexandria, \$100; Potomac, \$150; Harper's Ferry, \$100; Salisbury, \$200; Broadway, \$200; Crumpton, \$100; Middleway, \$150; Felton, \$150; Snow Hill, \$200; Amelia, \$100; North Carolina Avenue, \$300*; Sussex, \$150†; Wilmington, \$100; Campbell, \$50.

*Subject to the condition that if the Mission pay \$400, this amount shall be given; if the Mission fail to pay \$400, then the appropriation shall be in proportion to the amount paid.

†At the discretion of the President.

The Committee recommend that Hull-Street be placed under the care of Washington-Street Station.

It being understood that West Baltimore Station will build this year, it is recommended that when said station shall have moved into its new house of worship, Memorial Chapel be sold, and the proceeds of the sale be applied to the liquidation of the debt of Broadway Mission.

J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

R.—See page 18.

HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

RECEIPTS.

Collections from the District.....	\$1,534 36
Dues at Conference.....	65 75
Collection at Anniversary.....	71 80
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	\$1,661 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Appropriations.	Paid.	Deficiency.
Deficiencies	\$927 60	\$927 60	\$ ———
Alexandria	100 00	41 00	59 00
Amelia	100 00	41 00	59 00
Broadway	200 00	82 00	118 00
Crumpton	50 00	20 50	29 50
Felton	150 00	61 50	88 50
Harper's Ferry	100 00	41 00	59 00
Hull-Street	100 00	41 00	59 00
Middleway	100 00	58 16	41 84
Potomac	150 00	61 50	88 50
Salisbury	100 00	41 00	59 00
Snow Hill	200 00	82 00	118 00
Sussex	150 00	61 50	88 50
Wilmington	200 00	82 00	118 00
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	\$2,627 00	\$1,641 76	\$985 76
Book Concern for Certificates....		7 57	
T. A. Murray, professional services		10 00	
Treasurer, postage, &c		2 50	
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		\$1,661 83	

S.—See page 17.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows :

1. We are happy to learn that our Home Missions, located at Adrian, Mich.; Atlanta, Ga.; Troy, Ala.; and in Southern Mississippi are in a prosperous condition, and we heartily commend this interest to the liberality of the Church.

2. With gratitude to God we acknowledge the success attending our efforts as a Church to establish a Christian mission in Japan. Four missionaries, Miss Brittain, Rev. F. C. Klein and wife, and Miss McCully, are laboring in that interesting field. To facilitate the work, a Mission Home has been purchased at a cost of \$9,000. The magnificence of this Home is only surpassed by the good business management of Miss Brittain in securing it for us at this comparatively small cost, and upon terms which the Church can meet without the least embarrassment. Upon this property about one-half the purchase money has been paid, and there remains, including accruing interest, about \$5,000 to be provided for. There is now a proposition from the Board before the Church to provide for the payment of this balance in May next, by contributions, and thus free the property from all indebtedness. The plan proposed by the Board is that the pastors of the various charges throughout the Church shall bring this subject before the people in May next, and make earnest efforts to secure a liberal response to this appeal for the object contemplated. We think well of this plan, and recommend that the Conference adopt it, and the pastors of the various charges throughout the District be required to carry it out in good faith.

We further recommend that the \$1,800 to be raised for the work of the Board for the ensuing year, be assessed to the several charges, to be collected in the usual way.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

T.—See page 15.

STEWARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Steward of the Home and Foreign Missions begs leave to report the following collections from the charges, and asks the appointment of a committee to audit the same.

Great difficulty has been experienced in making this report, because of late collections, the discrepancy between the amount named and the amount enclosed, and the payment of various amounts to the Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions instead of to the Steward of this fund. I would request that all monies intended for this purpose pass through the hands of the Steward alone; and all sent to the Board prior to the meeting of Conference be accounted for by receipts of the Secretary or Treasurer.

Paid to C. H. Williams.....	\$1,837 95
For Japan Home.....	\$600 14
For Equal Distribution.....	717 67
For Foreign only.....	517 14
For W. F. M. S.....	3 00
	—————\$1,837 95

S. R. MURRAY, *Steward.*

V.—See page 17.

TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on Tract Cause report as follows :

The aggregate amount of collections in the Maryland District for the year is \$534.64, of which amount \$485.65 were collected on the charges and paid to the Corresponding Secretary Maryland Tract Society, and \$48.99 were in cash reported to this Conference, and now in the hands of the Committee awaiting your disposal.

We recommend the passage of the following resolution :

That the Maryland Annual Conference is in hearty sympathy with the Tract Cause, and commend its objects to the benevolent regard of our people, and especially recommend its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. S. Norris, to our various charges to solicit their benevolence to promote its ends.

E. R. MCGREGOR, *Chairman.*

W.—See page 18.

LITERATURE.

Your Committee have had referred to them the "Report of the Directory" of our Book Concern, at Baltimore, and are pleased to call attention to two facts of a very gratifying character therein set forth.

1. The improved condition of its affairs financially, the statement being made of a net gain of \$1,261.87, which is in strong contrast with the exhibit of a year ago, revealing then an actual loss.

2. An increase in the circulation of all their publications, the increase of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT being 302 copies, and of the Sunday-school publications, 14,600. In view of these facts, we would respectfully recommend the reduction of the price of the "Bible School Journal" to 25 cents, if, in the judgment of the Directory, it can safely be done.

3. Another fact of a *different* character is gleaned from the report, namely : that there has been an actual decrease in the sale of books, notwithstanding the assurance given a year ago, by our agent, that they can be purchased as low in price of him as of any one else. In this connection, we call attention to the fact that, under the existing contract with Brother Dulany, the Concern has a direct interest in the profits arising from the sales of books equal to 10 per cent ; and by so much as its capital is increased and its business enlarged, the Church also is benefitted. We therefore strongly recommend that our pastors and people, our churches and Sunday-schools, heartily unite in concentrating all our patronage there.

We further recommend that all our pastors cordially unite with the agent in such plans as may be adopted for extending the circulation of our periodicals, and make faithful endeavors to give them success. Recognizing also the importance of having our denominational literature in the homes of all our people, we heartily commend to their attention and patronage the official papers of the Church.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BOOK DIRECTORY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference :

The Directory in Baltimore respectfully report to the Conference the condition of the Book Agency and Publishing interests entrusted to their care. While these interests belong to the general Church, and they are required to report to the General Conference, the Directory feel it to be appropriate to give to this Conference, which for a number of years has borne the burden of its support, a statement of the work of the year. At the last Conference there was an effort made to convince the Conference of the justice and wisdom of patronizing our own Publishing House. It was shown, we think, that the members of the Church can purchase books for Sunday-schools and other purposes as cheap, if not cheaper, of our agent as elsewhere. And the advantage to the Church in concentrating all the patronage of our people here is apparent in that we have ten per centum income upon all sales made by our agent. Notwithstanding these facts, we are compelled to report a small falling off in the sales during the past year. They have only aggregated \$4,605.95, which is \$3 less than the sales of last year. We call attention to these facts, and appeal to the Conference for such support to their general interests as their importance demands.

We are gratified to be able to report a net increase of 303 copies in the circulation of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, and an increase in the circulation of Sunday-school papers of 14,600, making an aggregate of 51,800 copies Sunday-school periodicals.

While we have had no income from the Book Agency beyond the furnished room for the editor, we report the net profits of the year as \$1,261.87, in contrast with the loss during last year of \$23.50.

This improvement in the financial condition of the Concern is due, in part, to the division of labor, whereby, for the first time in ten years of the management, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse has been relieved of the publishing department, enabling him to give his whole time to his legitimate work as editor; and we have had the benefit of the large experience and efficient methods of W. J. C. Dulany in the business management.

With the editor able to give his whole time to the legitimate work of his position, and the business of the Concern in the hands of an efficient agent, we have reasonable hope of continued improvement in our Publishing interests. We ask of the ministers and members of the Conference hearty co-operation in promoting these important interests.

HORACE BURROUGH, *Secretary.*

X.—See page 18.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report: That we have received with pleasure the visit of Rev. M. Lee, and the letter of Rev. D. M. Simonton, fraternal messengers from the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; and have been gratified to learn, through their reports, of the growing prosperity and hopeful outlook for the Methodist Protestant Church within the bounds of that Conference District. That we reciprocate the cordial greetings of the West Virginia Conference, and recommend that our President appoint fraternal messengers to visit that Conference at its next session.

We also acknowledge the receipt of letters of Christian greeting from Revs. T. H. Colhouer and John Gregory, fraternal messengers from the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. We rejoice to receive assurance that peace and prosperity prevail within the borders of that District,

and that earnest labor in Gospel work is winning many souls to Christ. We sorrow with them in their loss sustained in the decease of the venerable brother, Rev. J. W. Rutledge; and extend our Christian sympathies to Dr William Collier in his personal affliction. We recommend that our President appoint fraternal messengers to visit the Pittsburgh Conference at its next session.

We have also been highly gratified to have in our midst Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and we entreat for him, in his continued labors in behalf of these interests, the faithful co operation of the entire Church.

DANIEL W. BATES, *Chairman.*

Y.—See page 19.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report as follows:

We are gratified to learn from the Committee on Statistics that there has been an increase during the year of 697 scholars and 22 officers; and that our Sunday-school literature is more generally used than heretofore. But while our publishers are furnishing to the schools of this District 1,328 more copies of our several S. S. papers than were supplied twelve months ago, we find, to our regret, that eight of our charges do not use them. A careful examination of the character and price of these publications has prepared us to recommend them most heartily to all our schools.

Having been favorably impressed by what we saw and heard of the Sabbath-School Institute, held at Jackson Grove Camp last summer, we recommend a repetition if practicable.

We desire to call special attention to the importance of exercising the utmost care in the selection of libraries, that our children may be supplied with such books as will assist in the cultivation of virtuous thoughts and habits. Though the Committee of Ten, appointed at our last session of Conference, whose duty it was "to read and commend such books as are supposed to be suitable for Sunday school libraries," found it impracticable to comply with their instructions, we express the hope that they will, as individuals, if not as a committee, do what they can to accomplish the object contemplated.

Regarding the Sunday-school not as a distinct organization, but as a department of Church work, and as presenting a most interesting and important field of useful labor, we insist that the very best talent, learning and energy of pastors and people should be here employed. Children should be taught not only the letter, but the spirit of the Gospel; and should be brought into the closest possible fellowship with the Church. We should guard them against the error that they must get far away from Christ before they can be made the subjects of his saving grace. It should be our aim so to instruct and influence them as to help them to *grow up into Christ*. That we may, as far as possible, promote this desirable object, we recommend the formation of classes for special religious instruction, to be in charge of the pastor, or some tried, devoted Christian who is "apt to teach."

We suggest the use of our Church Catechism as a valuable help in the instruction of our children.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

Z.—See page 20.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, J. T. MURRAY, 2.

Accomac.....	A. J. Walter, 2.
Alexandria.....	C. B. Middleton, 1.
Amelia.	H. G. Cowan, 2.
Anne Arundel.....	W. J. Floyd, 4, S. F. Cassen, 1.
Baltimore.....	J. R. Nichols, 2.
Bedford.....	E. O. Ewing, 1.
Belair.....	T. D. Valiant, 2, J. M. Gill, 1.
Broadway.....	T. E. Coulbourn, 2.
Cambridge.....	J. S. Bowers, 3.
Campbell.....	H. W. Leslie, 2.
Caroline.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 3.
Cecil.....	D. A. Shermer, 3, J. B. Butler, Supernumerary, 1.
Centreville.....	L. W. Bates, 2.
Chesapeake.....	T. O. Crouse, 2.
Chestertown.....	W. M. Strayer, 2.
Clayton.....	W. J. D. Lucas, 4.
Concord.....	S. T. Ferguson, 2, J. Clay, Supernumerary, 1.
Crumpton.....	J. G. Sullivan, 2.
Cumberland.....	W. W. White, 1.
Deer Park.....	G. R. McCready, 2.
Dorchester.....	J. M. Sheridan, 3.
East Baltimore.....	W. S. Hammond, 2.
Easton.....	F. T. Little, 2.
Eutaw.....	R. T. Smith, 2.
Fawn Grove.....	A. D. Dick, 1.
Felton.....	G. J. Smith, 1.
Finksburg.....	C. M. Thompson, 1.
First Church.....	C. T. Cochel, 1.
Franklin City.....	W. H. Stone, 1.
Frederick.....	A. A. Harryman, 1; C. H. Day, 1; A. Baker, Super'y, 15.
Georgetown.....	F. T. Tagg, 2; A. D. Murray, 1.
Hampden.....	J. W. Gray, 1.
Harper's Ferry.....	E. A. Warfield, 1.
Harrington.....	C. S. Arnett, 2.
Howard.....	J. T. Lassell, 1; J. H. Maynard, 1; J. W. Norris, 1.
Hull-Street.....	Supplied by Pastor of Washington-Street, 1.
Jefferson.....	J. L. Killgore, 2.
Kennedyville.....	J. L. Elderdice, 1.
Kent Island.....	J. M. Yingling, 1.
Laurel.....	J. B. Jones, 1.
Leipsic.....	Supplied by Pastor of Clayton, 2.
Liberty.....	Jesse Shreeve, 1.
Lynchburg.....	S. B. Southerland, 2.
Middleway.....	H. Bruner, 2.
Milton.....	J. E. Maloy, 1.
Newark.....	J. M. Holmes, 2.
Ninth Street.....	J. L. Mills, 2.
N. C. Avenue.....	J. W. Trout, 1.
Pipe Creek.....	S. R. Murray, 1.
Pittsville.....	J. A. Weigand, 1.
Pocomoke.....	D. W. Anstine, 1.
Pocomoke City.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 5.
Potomac.....	W. F. Livingston, 2.
Powellville.....	W. T. Valiant, 1.
Preston.....	W. A. Crouse, 2.

Quantico.....	J. H. Daugherty, 2.
Queen Anne's.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 1.
Rowlandville.....	J. W. Balderston, 2.
St. James.....	A. W. Mather, 2.
St. Luke's.....	W. R. Graham, 4.
St. Michael's.....	S. J. Smith, 2.
Salisbury.....	S. B. Tredway, 1.
Seaford.....	R. L. Lewis, 1.
Snow Hill.....	W. F. Roberts, 2.
Somerset.....	J. L. Straughn, 2.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 2.
Starr.....	C. H. Littleton, 3.
Stewartstown.....	E. R. McGregor, 2.
Surry.....	J. M. Brown, 1; R. W. Berryman, Sup., 9.
Susquehanna.....	W. D. Litsinger, 1.
Sussex.....	J. E. Nicholson, 1.
Talbot.....	J. W. Charlton, 1.
Union.....	J. M. Elderdice, 1.
Warwick.....	A. D. Melvin, 1.
Washington-Street.....	R. S. Rowe, 3.
West Baltimore.....	D. L. Greenfield, 2.
Westminster.....	J. D. Kinzer, 2.
Wilmington.....	G. F. Farring, 2.
Berkeley.....	E. R. Washington.
Charleston.....	Francis Brown.

UNSUPPLIED.

All Saints.....	4.
Chincoteague.....	5.
Ellicott City.....	2.
Indian River.....	3.
North East.....	2.
Williamsport.....	5.

LOANED.

To Board of Missions for Atlanta, Ga.....	H. C. Cushing, 1.
“ “ “ Yokohama, Japan.....	F. C. Klein, 2.
“ Maryland Tract Society, for Cor. Sec.....	R. S. Norris, 2.
“ METHODIST PROTESTANT, for Editor.....	E. J. Drinkhouse, 10.
“ St. John's.....	J. J. Murray, 2; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus.
“ U. S. Army, for Post Chaplain.....	D. Wilson, 4.
“ Virginia Conference, for Heathsville.....	H. E. Miskimon, 4.
“ Western Maryland College, for President.....	J. T. Ward, 16.
“ “ “ Vice President.....	B. F. Benson, 1.
“ Westminster Theological Seminary, for President.....	T. H. Lewis, 2.

SUPERANNUATES.

J. W. Everist, 17; H. J. Day, 16; D. F. Ewell, 13; J. A. McFaden, 10;
J. H. Ellegood, 7; W. T. Dumm, 6; James Thompson, 5; J. K. Nichols, 4;
W. G. Holmes, 3; D. W. Bates 2; W. J. Neeper, 2.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AT THEIR OWN REQUEST.

P. T. Hall, 3; H. C. Stern, 1.

APPOINTMENTS FOR CONFERENCE, 1885.

Conference Sermon.....	J. D. Kinzer.
Superannuated Fund Society Address.....	S. R. Murray, J. E. T. Ewell.
Home Missionary Society Address.....	F. T. Little, R. S. Rowe.
Foreign Missionary Society Address.....	C. B. Middleton, J. L. Straughn.

SUB-DISTRICTS.

"Each Annual Conference shall divide its territory into Sub-Districts, and provide for the holding of one or more district meetings in each sub-district every year, to be composed of all the ministers, preachers, exhorters, and Sunday-school superintendents, and one or more to be elected by the Quarterly Conference from each pastoral charge.

"Each Annual Conference shall designate the chairman of its respective districts annually, who shall announce the time and place of meeting, and preside over the same. The district meeting shall seek by mutual counsel and co-operation to promote all the local and general interests of the Church, and shall provide for the efficient employment of unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters, by arranging as far as practicable a plan of work for each.

"Annual and Quarterly Conferences shall take such measures as may be necessary to secure the attendance of their members on the sessions of the district meetings.

"Each district meeting shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep a proper record of all proceedings in a book or journal provided for the purpose." Discipline, p 78.

No. 1—T. D. Valiant, Chairman. Newark, St. Luke's, Wilmington, Cecil, Rowlandsville, Warwick, Leipsic, Clayton, Belair, Susquehanna.

No. 2—L. W. Bates, Chairman. Centreville, Chesapeake, Chestertown, Crumpton, Kennedyville, Kent Island, Queen Anne's, St. James.

No. 3—F. T. Little, Chairman. Cambridge, Caroline, Dorchester, Easton, Felton, Harrington, Preston, St. Michael's, Seaford, Talbot.

No. 4—J. B. Jones, Chairman. Accomac, Chincoteague, Franklin City, Indian River, Laurel, Milton, Pittsville, Pocomoke, Pocomoke City, Powellville, Quantico, Salisbury, Snow Hill, Somerset, Sussex, Union.

No. 5—W. S. Hammond, Chairman. Baltimore, Broadway, East Baltimore, Ellicott City, Eutaw, Fawn Grove, Hampden, Hull-Street, South Baltimore, Starr, Stewartstown, Washington-Street, West Baltimore.

No. 6—J. L. Mills, Chairman. Alexandria, All Saints, Anne Arundel, First Church, Georgetown, North Carolina Avenue, Ninth-Street, Potomac.

No. 7—J. D. Kinzer, Chairman. Bedford, Concord, Cumberland, Deer Park, Finksburg, Frederick, Harper's Ferry, Howard, Jefferson, Liberty, Middleway, Pipe Creek, Westminster, Williamsport.

No. 8—S. B. Southerland, Chairman. Amelia, Campbell, Lynchburg, South Side, Surry.

No. 9—Francis Brown, Chairman. Berkley, Charleston.

FINANCIAL
AND
STATISTICAL
TABLES.

TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MARCH, 1884.

CHARGES.	Seminary.	Ministerial. Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.
Accomac.....	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$13.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Alexandria.....	12.00	7.00	10.00	17.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Amelia.....	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Anne Arundel..	19.00	11.50	15.00	26.00	50.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Baltimore.....	19.00	10.50	15.00	35.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Bedford.....	25.00	7.00	15.00	30.00	75.00	50.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Belair.....	25.00	13.00	25.00	25.00	75.00	45.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Broadway.....	10.00	5.00	10.00	13.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Cambridge.....	12.00	10.00	8.00	16.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Campbell.....	5.00	7.50	5.00	10.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Caroline.....	20.00	20.50	15.00	45.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Cecil.....	20.00	11.50	15.00	35.00	55.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Centreville....	23.00	5.50	20.00	35.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Chesapeake....	14.00	4.50	15.00	22.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Chestertown...	23.00	8.50	50.00	35.00	83.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Clayton.....	11.00	6.00	8.00	18.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Concord.....	15.00	8.00	13.00	22.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Crumpton.....	8.00	3.00	6.00	13.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Cumberland....	14.00	9.00	10.00	22.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Deer Park.....	8.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Dorchester....	15.00	7.50	12.00	16.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
East Baltimore.	23.00	7.50	20.00	35.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Easton.....	23.00	8.50	20.00	35.00	80.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Ellicott City...	5.00	3.50	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	Col.	Col.	Col.
Eutaw.....	11.00	4.00	10.00	18.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Fawn Grove...	15.00	15.00	15.00	26.00	50.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Felton.....	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Finksburg.....	15.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
First Church...	14.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	50.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Franklin City..	11.00	9.00	6.00	13.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Frederick.....	27.00	21.00	25.00	45.00	75.00	50.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Georgetown....	34.00	13.50	40.00	60.00	.....	60.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Hampden.....	15.00	16.00	10.00	18.00	42.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Harper's Ferry.	5.00	2.50	3.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Harrington....	11.00	5.50	15.00	13.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Heathsville....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Howard.....	24.00	17.50	20.00	40.00	55.00	45.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Hull-Street....	5.00	2.50	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Jefferson.....	23.00	6.00	20.00	35.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Kennedville...	8.00	4.00	6.00	10.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Kent Island....	11.00	4.50	15.00	18.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Laurel.....	14.00	5.00	15.00	22.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Leipsic.....	5.00	4.00	5.00	10.00	25.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Liberty.....	23.00	9.00	20.00	35.00	52.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Lynchburg.....	25.00	8.50	30.00	40.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Middleway.....	8.00	5.00	6.00	13.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Milton.....	11.00	10.00	6.00	18.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Newark.....	34.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	75.00	50.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Ninth-Street...	19.00	7.50	15.00	30.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.	Col.

TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MARCH, 1884—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.
N. Carolina Ave.	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Pipe Creek.....	23.00	14.50	20.00	35.00	75.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Pittsville.....	14.00	10.00	10.00	18.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke.....	14.00	10.00	5.00	22.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke City.	23.00	11.00	20.00	35.00	52.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Potomac.....	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Powellville.....	11.00	10.00	15.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Preston.....	8 00	7.50	5.00	13 00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Quantico.....	11.00	6.00	5.00	18.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Queen Anne's ..	14.00	7.00	15.00	22.00	50.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Rowlandville....	8.00	11.00	8.00	13.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
St. James.....	23.00	4.50	50.00	35.00	80.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
St. Luke's.....	14.00	7.50	10.00	18.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
St. Michael's....	10.00	4.00	10.00	18.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Salisbury.....	8.00	6.00	6 00	13.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Seaford.....	14.00	7.00	12.00	22.00	30.00	20 00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Snow Hill.....	5.00	6 50	5.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Somerset.....	20 00	17.50	15.00	30.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
South Baltimore	14.00	6.50	12.00	22.00	40.00	20.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Starr.....	27.00	14.50	30.00	45.00	125.00	50.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Stewartstown...	15.00	13.50	15.00	26.00	45.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Surry.....	8.00	7.50	5 00	10.00	30.00	15.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Susquehanna ...	19.00	7.50	18.00	30.00	52.00	35.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Sussex.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Talbot.....	15.00	11.00	15.00	26.00	52.00	30.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Union.....	14.00	15.00	15.00	22 00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Warwick.....	23.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Washington-St..	15.00	8.00	20.00	22.00	45.00	30 00	Col.	Col.	Col.
West Baltimore	27.00	10 50	25.00	50.00	70.00	50 00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Westminster....	27.00	10.50	25.00	45.00	100.00	50.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Wilmington....	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	7.00	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Berkeley, S. C...	5.00	5.00	8 00	10.00	.....	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.
Charleston, S. C.	5.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	.....	10.00	Col.	Col.	Col.

TABLE OF COLLECTIONS

FOR YEAR CLOSING MARCH, 1884.

No.	CHARGES.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	COLLEGE.		MIN. EDUCATION.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Accomac	1.00	0.50	0.50	11.00	2.00	20.00	1 00
2	Alexandria....	1.50	1.00	25	15.00	15.00	14.00	14 00
3	Amelia.....	1.00	.....	.....	7.00	.....	6.00	.....
4	Anne Arundel.	2.00	1.38	.....	22.00	22.00	23.00	5.00
5	Baltimore.....	2.24	1.22	42	25.00	*15.00	21.00	5.43
6	Bedford.....	1.00	1.70	1.00	25.00	25.00	14.00	4.00
7	Belair.....	3.64	93	.....	35.00	26.00	26.00	10.40
8	Broadway.....	2.00	3.00	10.87	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00
9	Cambridge....	35	50	35	15.00	15 00	10.00	75
10	Campbell .....	.....	25	.....	7.00	50	15.00	.....
11	Caroline.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	25.00	15.00	41.00	3.00
12	Cecil.....	75	1.10	50	28.00	28.00	23 00	23.00
13	Centreville...	2.50	2.50	3.68	30.00	30.00	11.00	5.30
14	Chesapeake...	1.50	1.00	1.00	18 00	18.00	9.00	3.00
15	Chestertown...	3.00	5 00	6.70	30.00	30.00	17.00	10.00
16	Chincoteague..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
17	Clayton.....	1.64	50	1.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	5.25
18	Concord	2.00	3.00	1.00	20.00	14 00	16.00	6.39
19	Crumpton.....	52	20	15	11.00	3.05	6.00	2.00
20	Cumberland...	1.00	50	50	18.00	5.50	18.00	2.00
21	Deer Park.....	1.36	1.00	12.85	10 00	5.25	10.00	5.00
22	Dorchester....	1.00	1 00	1 00	18.00	10.00	15.00	7.00
23	East Baltimore.	2.33	3.00	15.85	30.00	30.00	15.00	11.00
24	Easton.....	2.00	2.00	.....	30.00	40.00	17.00	17.00
25	Ellicott City...	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	7.00	.....
26	Eutaw.....	77	2.10	10 00	14.00	14.00	8.00	2.00
27	Fawn Grove...	1.00	3.00	2.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	8.00
28	Felton.....	2.50	2.00	1.00	10.00	10.00	.....	10.00
29	Finksburg.....	2.00	1.00	11.00	18.00	5 00	20.00	6.35
30	First Church..	1.00	1.30	1.00	18.00	18.00	14.00	12.00
31	Franklin City.	1.25	50	25	14.00	4.50	18.00	12.00
32	Frederick.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	35.00	6.00	42.00	3.00
33	Georgetown...	6 00	4.00	2.50	45.00	45.00	27.00	16.00
34	Hampden.....	2.00	1.50	1 50	18.00	18.00	32.00	4.00
35	Harper's Ferry	18	26	30	7.00	7.00	5.00	1.26
36	Harrington....	4.71	1.00	1.00	14.00	14.00	11.00	7.50
37	Heathsville...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Howard.....	3.00	2.60	.....	32.00	32.00	35.00	8.00
39	Hull-Street...	1.40	1.50	.....	7.00	7.00	5.00	1.55
40	Jefferson.....	3.00	2.00	11.60	30.00	30.00	12.00	10.00
41	Kennedyville .	2.06	1.00	1.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00
42	Kent Island...	2.00	1.00	1.00	14.00	14.00	9.00	9.00
43	Laurel.....	75	7.00	.....	18.00	6 0	10.00	79
44	Leipsic.....	50	25	1.40	7.00	50	8.00	50
45	Liberty.....	4.50	1.75	1.25	30.00	30. 00	18 00	4.00
46	Lynchburg....	.....	.....	.....	35.00	23. 25	17.00	.....
47	Middleway....	28	2.15	42	10.00	4. 65	10.00	1.25
48	Milton.....	50	14.00	14. 00	20.00	1.00
49	Newark.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	45.00	20. 00	40.00	5.00

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No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	\$ 6.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 2.75	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	.....	\$ 77.00	\$ 14.75
2	10.00	10.00	17.00	17.00	25.00	25.00	.....	83.75	83.75
3	5.00	3.00	10.00	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	39.00	14.00
4	15.00	10.00	26.00	7.35	40.00	28.25	.....	129.38	75.98
5	15.00	7.14	35.00	5.62	35.00	6.20	.....	134.88	34.86
6	15.00	4.00	30.00	5.00	45.00	6.50	.....	132.70	48.20
7	25.00	10.00	35.00	14.00	75.00	30.00	.....	200.57	94.97
8	10.00	10.00	13.00	13.00	20.00	20.00	.....	79.87	79.87
9	8.00	3.00	16.00	3.75	25.00	4.00	.....	75.20	27.70
10	.....	50	10.00	50	15.00	2.00	.....	47.25	3.75
11	15.00	4.00	45.00	5.00	30.00	8.00	.....	159.00	38.00
12	15.00	15.00	35.00	35.00	45.00	45.00	12.00	148.00	148.00
13	20.00	20.00	35.00	45.00	45.00	23.50	93.00	149.68	132.48
14	15.00	13.00	22.00	22.00	25.00	15.00	.....	92.50	74.50
15	50.00	40.00	35.00	20.00	70.00	70.00	.....	216.70	184.70
16	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....
17	8.00	3.68	18.00	6.50	30.00	10.00	.....	85.14	42.57
18	13.00	14.00	22.00	12.00	25.00	18.00	.....	102.00	70.39
19	6.00	1.80	13.00	2.75	15.00	2.00	.....	51.87	12.47
20	10.00	3.00	22.00	3.00	30.00	18.00	.....	100.00	33.50
21	8.00	6.00	10.00	5.00	.....	3.00	.....	53.21	39.46
22	12.00	10.00	16.00	18.00	25.00	15.00	10.00	89.00	63.00
23	20.00	15.00	35.00	26.00	60.00	41.00	.....	181.68	144.68
24	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	70.00	60.00	.....	176.00	176.00
25	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.00	.....
26	10.00	10.00	18.00	36.06	25.00	25.00	.....	87.87	99.93
27	15.00	10.00	26.00	15.00	40.00	15.00	.....	137.00	74.00
28	5.00	5.00	.....	2.91	.....	9.60	.....	20.50	43.01
29	10.00	10.00	35.00	5.00	30.00	10.00	.....	127.00	50.35
30	10.00	10.00	22.00	15.00	45.00	20.00	.....	112.30	78.30
31	6.00	4.00	13.00	7.00	15.00	7.00	.....	68.00	36.50
32	25.00	5.00	45.00	7.00	60.00	10.00	.....	211.00	35.00
33	40.00	40.00	60.00	16.05	.....	.....	.....	184.50	129.55
34	10.00	7.00	18.00	5.00	35.00	18.00	.....	118.00	57.00
35	3.00	3.00	10.00	63	10.00	4.15	.....	35.74	16.78
36	15.00	8.00	13.00	9.00	25.00	25.00	.....	84.71	70.21
37	12.00	5.30	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	5.30
38	20.00	15.00	40.00	6.00	45.00	35.00	.....	177.60	101.60
39	5.00	1.40	10.00	9.30	10.00	2.00	.....	39.90	18.62
40	20.00	20.00	35.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	.....	163.60	146.60
41	6.00	6.00	13.00	13.00	20.00	20.00	.....	61.06	61.06
42	15.00	15.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	.....	80.00	80.00
43	15.00	1.50	22.00	5.55	35.00	8.67	.....	107.75	24.86
44	5.00	3.57	10.00	50	20.00	50	.....	52.15	7.72
45	20.00	4.00	35.00	28.00	45.00	27.00	.....	155.50	100.50
46	30.00	24.00	50.00	15.78	50.00	21.25	.....	182.00	84.28
47	6.00	3.73	13.00	2.55	15.00	8.86	.....	56.85	23.89
48	6.00	4.59	18.00	2.26	25.00	2.00	83.50	24.35
49	30.00	15.00	52.00	23.00	70.00	15.00	241.00	82.00

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No.	CHARGES.	Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	COLLEGE.		MIN. EDUCATION.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
50	Ninth-Street...	\$ 3.00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.60
51	N. C. Avenue...	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
52	Pipe Creek...	3.50	2.25	15.00	30.00	21.25	29.00	1.25
53	Pittsville.....	1.50	1.50	1.00	18.00	.....	20.00	3.00
54	Pocomoke.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	5.00
55	Pocomoke City	5.00	3 00	2.00	30.00	25.50	22.00	3.25
56	Potomac.....	2.50	1.50	1.50	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
57	Powellville...	50	1.33	52	14.00	3.33	20.00	7.50
58	Preston.....	2 25	1.50	1.50	10.00	6.00	15.00	5.00
59	Quantico.....	75	50	25	14.00	1.00	12.00	25
60	Queen Anne's.	1.00	50	3.72	18.00	18.00	14.00	10.00
61	Rainsburg .....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	5.00	1.00
62	Rowlandville..	2.00	1.80	1.00	10.00	7.00	22.00	5.00
63	St. James.....	2 00	5.91	3.74	30.00	30.00	9.00	9.00
64	St. Luke's.....	2.14	1.50	.....	18.00	18.00	15.00	5.60
65	St. Michael's..	1.50	1.30	1.00	14.00	1.62	8.00	2.80
66	Salisbury.....	2.25	95	89	10.00	10.00	12.00	2.20
67	Seaford.....	.....	1.03	.....	18.00	.....	14.00	.....
68	Snow Hill.....	1.00	1.00	44	7.00	3.00	13.00	5.00
69	Somerset.....	2.00	1.00	20.20	25.00	25.00	35.00	6.00
70	S. Baltimore..	1.37	2.00	8.40	18.00	10.50	13.00	4.00
71	Southside.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	8.00	.....
72	Starr.....	3.00	3.00	10.43	35.00	10.00	29.00	18.00
73	Stewartstown ..	.....	.....	13.90	20.00	15.00	27.00	5.00
74	Surry.....	1.00	.....	.....	10.00	1.00	15.00	.....
75	Susquehanna..	3.00	8 50	21.93	25.00	25.00	15.00	6.61
76	Sussex.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	7.00
77	Talbot.....	2.00	1.50	1.50	20.00	20.00	22.00	5.00
78	Union.....	3.00	4.00	2.00	18.00	10.00	30.00	14.00
79	Warwick.....	70	1.69	36	30.00	2.56	20.00	1.10
80	Washington-St	6.00	6.00	9.40	20.00	20.00	16.00	16.50
81	W. Baltimore ..	3.00	20.62	36.77	35.00	35.00	21.00	21.00
82	Westminster ..	3.00	11.30	16.00	35.00	35.00	21.00	9.10
83	Wilmington...	2.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
84	Berkeley.....	4.00	1.00	.....	5.00	5.00	10.00	.....
85	Charleston....	3.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	10.00	3.00
	Mrs. T. A. Reese .....	.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	St. John's .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Montgomery..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		150.69	317.87	437.29	1,547.00	1,241.61	1,359.00	481.98

*\$8.41 paid by F. T. Little.

†\$5.53 paid by W. H. Silk.

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No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
50	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 17.83	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.40	.....	\$ 124.00	\$ 97.83
51	.....	3.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.06
52	20.00	8.00	35.00	10.00	65.00	40.00	.....	199.75	101.25
53	10.00	7.00	18.00	11.00	20.00	25.00	.....	90.00	50.00
54	5.00	5.00	22.00	12.00	30.00	25.00	.....	99.50	69.50
55	20.00	16.50	35.00	30.00	45.00	40.00	.....	162.00	125.25
56	5.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	.....	10.00	.....	33.50	58.50
57	15.00	11.47	18.00	14.51	15.00	20.00	.....	83.35	58.21
58	5.00	5.00	13.00	8.00	20.00	15.00	.....	68.25	44.25
59	5.00	2.50	18.00	3.00	20.00	2.00	.....	70.50	10.25
60	15.00	18.00	22.00	18.00	40.00	38.00	.....	114.22	107.22
61	8.00	.....	13.00	1.50	18.00	.....	.....	54.00	2.50
62	8.00	5.00	13.00	5.00	20.00	8.00	.....	77.80	34.80
63	50.00	100.00	35.00	63.69	70.00	70.00	3.00	205.65	284.34
64	10.00	10.00	18.00	7.15	30.00	10.25	.....	94.64	54.64
65	10.00	4.40	18.00	6.20	25.00	3.70	.....	78.80	22.52
66	6.00	10.00	13.00	20.50	15.00	15.00	.....	60.09	61.79
67	12.00	80	22.00	95	25.00	2.93	.....	92.03	5.71
68	5.00	9.00	10.00	3.00	25.00	20.00	.....	62.44	42.44
69	15.00	12.00	30.00	12.00	50.00	20.00	.....	178.20	98.20
70	12.00	8.00	22.00	8.00	35.00	6.00	.....	111.77	48.27
71	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	.....
72	30.00	30.00	45.00	20.00	125.00	100.00	.....	280.43	194.43
73	15.00	8.00	26.00	7.00	35.00	22.00	.....	136.90	70.90
74	5.00	2.00	10.00	.....	25.00	2.00	.....	66.00	6.00
75	18.00	15.00	30.00	34.47	45.00	12.00	.....	166.43	126.51
76	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	.....	52.00	44.00
77	15.00	15.00	26.00	13.76	45.00	18.00	.....	133.00	76.76
78	15.00	10.00	22.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	.....	124.00	93.00
79	20.00	24.00	40.00	5.28	60.00	21.84	.....	172.75	57.53
80	20.00	20.00	22.00	91.00	35.00	35.00	12.50	134.40	203.90
81	25.00	76.05	50.00	745.42	60.00	89.25	.....	251.39	1,027.11
82	25.00	17.00	45.00	40.10	85.00	25.00	70.00	241.30	156.50
83	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	.....	39.00	39.00
84	8.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	38.00	18.00
85	8.00	2.00	10.00	3.00	.....	3.00	.....	39.00	20.00
.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	8.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....
.....	1130.00	966.78	1,918.00	1,840.27	2,638.00	1,524.30	.....	9,497.85	6,960.85

PASTORAL SUPPORT
FOR YEAR CLOSING MARCH, 1884.

CHARGES.	PRESIDENT.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess. for Pastor.	Assess. for Asso. P.	Paid.
Accomac.....	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 450.00		\$ 308.48
Alexandria.....	20.00	20.00	500.00		500 00
Amelia.....	10.00	10.00	200.00		200 00
Anne Arundel.....	30.00	30.00	750.00	87.00	837.00
Baltimore.....	35.00	27.96	625.00		504.84
Bedford.....	35.00	35.00	470.00		400.00
Belair.....	50.00	50.00	650 00	350.00	1,000.00
Broadway.....	15.00	15.00	300.00		300 00
Cambridge.....	20.00	20 00	550.00		550.00
Campbell.....	10.00	10.00	200.00		196.00
Caroline.....	35.00	35.00	600.00		575.00
Cecil.....	40 00	40.00	700.00		650.00
Centreville.....	40 00	40.00	700.00		700.00
Chesapeake.....	25 00	25.00	500.00		500.00
Chestertown.....	40 00	40.00	800.00		800.00
Clayton.....	20.00	20.00	425.00		425.00
Concord.....	30.00	30.00	460.00		490.00
Crumpton.....	15.00	11.75	250.00		214.00
Cumberland.....	25.00	25.00	500.00		500.00
Deer Park.....	15.00	15.00	325.00		325.00
Dorchester.....	25.00	25.00	600 00		600.00
East Baltimore.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Easton.....	40.00	40.00	800.00		800.00
Ellicott City.....	10.00				
Eutaw.....	20.00	20.00	500.00		500.00
Fawn Grove.....	30.00	30.00	700.00		550 00
Felton.....	15.00	15.00	300 00		221 00
Finksburg.....	25.00	25.00	600.00		600 00
First Church.....	25.00	25.00	800.00		800.00
Franklin City.....	20 00	20.00	350.00		325.00
Frederick.....	50.00	50.00	300.00	200.00	500.00
Georgetown.....	60.00	60.00	1,200.00	440 00	1,640.00
Hampden.....	25.00	25.00	700.00		700.00
Harper's Ferry.....	10 00	10.00	110.00		110.00
Harrington.....	20 00	20.00	600.00		611 00
Howard.....	45.00	45.00	650.00	200.00	850.00
Hull-Street.....	10.00	10.00	350.00		263.77
Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	700.00		700 00
Kennedyville.....	15 00	15.00	225.00		225.00
Kent Island.....	20.00	20.00	500.00		500.00
Laurel.....	25.00	25.00	650.00		700.00
Leipsic.....	10 00	10.00	150.00		150.00
Liberty.....	40.00	40.00	500 00		467.50
Lynchburg.....	50.00	30.00	800.00		800.00
Middleway.....	15.00	15.00	325.00		266 64
Milton.....	20.00	20.00	500.00		450.00
Newark.....	60.00	60.00	1,300.00		1,300.00
Ninth-Street.....	35.00	35.00	800.00		800.00
Pipe Creek.....	40.00	40.00	700.00		640.00

PASTORAL SUPPORT
FOR YEAR CLOSING MARCH, 1884.

CHARGES.	PRESIDENT.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess. for Pastor.	Assess. for Asso. P.	Paid.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pittsville.....	25.00	25.00	450.00	.....	450.00
Pocomoke.....	25.00	25.00	375.00	.....	377.46
Pocomoke City.....	40.00	40.00	700.00	.....	700.00
Potomac.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	.....	300.00
Powellville.....	20.00	20.00	375.00	.....	312.65
Preston.....	15.00	15.00	311.00	.....	311.00
Quantico.....	20.00	20.00	325.00	.....	350.00
Queen Anne's.....	25.00	25.00	500.00	.....	500.00
Rainsburg.....	15.00	12.00	100.00	.....	100.00
Rowlandville.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	.....	400.00
St. James.....	40.00	40.00	650.00	.....	650.00
St. Luke's.....	25.00	40.00	900.00	.....	900.00
St. Michael's.....	20.00	20.00	400.00	.....	350.00
Salisbury.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	.....	420.00
Seaford.....	25.00	21.00	500.00	.....	500.00
Snow Hill.....	10.00	10.00	400.00	.....	400.00
Somerset.....	35.00	35.00	750.00	.....	750.00
South Baltimore.....	25.00	25.00	800.00	.....	800.00
Southside.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Starr.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
Stewartstown.....	30.00	30.00	560.00	.....	560.00
Surry.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Susquehanna.....	35.00	35.00	600.00	.....	600.00
Sussex.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	.....	225.00
Talbot.....	30.00	30.00	600.00	.....	600.00
Union.....	25.00	25.00	550.00	.....	484.00
Warwick.....	40.00	29.75	700.00	.....	627.57
Washington-St.....	30.00	30.00	800.00	.....	800.00
West Baltimore.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
Westminster.....	50.00	50.00	900.00	.....	900.00
Wilmington.....	10.00	10.00	100.00	.....	100.00
Berkeley.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	.....	300.00
Charleston.....	10.00	10.00	378.00	.....	378.00
Total.....	2,165.00	2,102.46	43,439.00	1,277.00	43,540.91

STATISTICS.

No.	CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Church Periodicals.
1	Accomac.....	240	....	8	4	2	....	....	2	....	....
2	Alexandria.....	145	....	4	2	....	....	2	....	....	14
3	All Saints.....	43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
4	Amelia.....	54	1	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	10
5	Anne Arundel.....	226	6	10	2	7	....	....	1	....	10
6	Baltimore.....	217	93	13	1	3	1	....	8	....	7
7	Bedford.....	128	....	7	3	1	....	8	....	5	11
8	Belair.....	294	....	36	2	....	1	....	33	....	19
9	Broadway.....	108	11	19	....	1	....	2	16	....	6
10	Cambridge.....	121	7	21	2	....	....	....	21	....	10
11	Campbell.....	102	....	2	1	....	1	....	2	....	36
12	Caroline.....	200	....	9	2	....	....	....	7	....	14
13	Cecil.....	230	105	12	5	....	....	....	7	....	113
14	Centreville.....	106	6	5	2	....	9	....	....	4	26
15	Chesapeake.....	83	3	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	14
16	Chestertown.....	183	....	17	3	1	1	....	18	....	35
17	Chincoteague.....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18	Clayton.....	121	5	5	....	....	2	....	3	....	12
19	Concord.....	103	....	9	1	....	....	....	8	....	20
20	Crumpton.....	40	1	2	1	....	....	17	....	17	10
21	Cumberland.....	186	6	14	2	3	4	1	4	....	10
22	Deer Park.....	142	16	10	1	....	1	1	10	....	....
23	Dorchester.....	196	12	14	1	....	....	....	13	....	11
24	East Baltimore....	193	8	45	5	....	6	3	31	....	18
25	Easton.....	184	3	10	....	1	1	....	8	....	40
26	Ellicott City.....	72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
27	Eutaw.....	68	1	5	1	3	9	3	....	9	50
28	Fawn Grove.....	302	7	15	1	2	4	....	....	....	9
29	Felton.....	92	8	10	....	....	2	1	7	....	8
30	Finksburg.....	240	....	23	1	3	4	....	15	....	15
31	First Church.....	138	1	5	2	....	1	3	....	4	10
32	Franklin City.....	180	....	9	4	....	2	....	....	1	11
33	Frederick.....	417	21	32	6	....	....	....	26	....	30
34	Frederick City....	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
35	Georgetown.....	242	....	9	6	....	19	15	....	31	....
36	Guilford.....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
37	Hampden.....	356	32	76	4	6	5	70	....	20	11
38	Harper's Ferry....	37	....	....	....	2	5	4	....	11	4
39	Harrington.....	284	6	80	4	4	3	4	80	....	18
40	Howard.....	348	38	2	4	1	....	....	34	....	52
41	Hull-Street.....	32	....	2	1	5	1	....	2	....	3
42	Indian River.....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
43	Jefferson.....	116	8	9	1	....	1	....	7	....	27
44	Kennedyville.....	78	7	8	....	....	....	8	....	....	15
45	Kent Island.....	80	17	2	1	....	....	....	1	....	14
46	Laurel.....	125	....	34	2	....	2	....	30	....	....
47	Leipsic.....	78	9	3	....	....	....	....	3	....	4
48	Liberty.....	201	25	31	3	....	5	....	23	....	22
49	Lynchburg.....	173	8	....	1	1	1	....	3	....	17
50	Middleway.....	120	....	24	2	2	....	....	20	....	5
51	Milton.....	218	....	5	4	1	....	2	....	2	6

STATISTICS.

No.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Sab. Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
1	2	..	\$4,500.00	.....	1	8	6	175	120	.....	350	4
2	1	1	3,000.00	.....	1	7	15	205	142	250	300	...
3	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	1	..	1,200.00	.....	1	8	8	74	55	..	..	..
5	6	1	14,500.00	\$200.00	4	14	35	240	25	115	250	4
6	4	1	7,000.00	616.00	7	25	40	388	188	.....	894	20
7	5	1	7,100.00	.....	4	12	20	175	75	.....	450	...
8	6	1	10,000.00	.....	5	20	25	300	200	.....	300	25
9	1	1	21,000.00	10,000.00	1	7	16	200	120	20	222	3
10	3	1	7,000.00	1,300.00	1	10	8	87	60	.....	20	...
11	2	..	800.00	.....	3	11	12	104	36	.....	200	6
12	4	1	3,500.00	.....	4	13	35	230	160	185	350	2
13	5	1	11,200.00	.....	5	13	40	450	60	.....	1,500	20
14	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	8	12	112	100	50	200	3
15	2	1	7,000.00	.....	2	9	14	110	115	.....	255	...
16	1	1	7,000.00	.....	1	6	26	200	175	.....	600	...
17	1	..	500.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	3	..	5,000.00	150.00	3	14	16	179	70	35	450	4
19	4	1	8,100.00	.....	3	22	25	210	130	30	200	...
20	2	1	4,000.00	53.00	2	6	15	116	115	.....	242	...
21	1	1	10,000.00	.....	1	9	19	218	175	.....	400	6
22	4	..	3,500.00	556.00	4	16	33	326	150	.....	200	...
23	4	1	7,500.00	150.00	4	17	30	220	200	.....	225	4
24	1	..	22,000.00	.....	1	9	15	150	325	.....	475	...
25	1	1	18,000.00	500.00	1	8	17	200	140	40	800	...
26	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	..	..	50	.....	.....	.....	...
27	1	1	5,300.00	1,400.00	1	5	11	82	75	.....	.....	1
28	4	1	5,000.00	.....	4	20	28	350	342	.....	600	...
29	3	..	2,800.00	.....	3	12	25	231	45	.....	125	...
30	4	..	7,000.00	.....	4	20	32	300	200	.....	900	...
31	1	1	10,000.00	1,050.00	1	9	11	160	125	.....	550	1
32	4	..	3,600.00	350.00	1	4	9	130	150	160	110	2
33	8	1	14,150.00	.....	8	43	81	644	260	.....	900	15
34	1	..	2,500.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
35	2	1	20,000.00	.....	2	15	36	353	.....	.....	600	2
36	2	..	3,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
37	1	1	9,200.00	700.00	1	9	32	411	350	.....	334	32
38	1	1	6,000.00	150.00	1	4	7	115	50	.....	150	...
39	3	1	7,700.00	1,500.00	3	11	31	280	242	120	400	34
40	8½	1	11,900.00	.....	8	26	45	478	160	.....	850	22
41	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	4	8	80	124	.....	50	1
42	1	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
43	4	1	11,500.00	800.00	2	10	31	224	140	.....	500	4
44	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	5	12	105	110	.....	500	3
45	2	1	8,300.00	.....	2	6	10	115	140	.....	200	6
46	2	..	6,000.00	.....	1	7	20	125	.....	.....	300	15
47	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	6	7	116	100	.....	100	...
48	4	1	10,500.00	.....	3	18	46	278	140	1	1,225	31
49	1	..	15,000.00	.....	1	5	14	150	125	.....	400	7
50	1	1	1,800.00	.....	1	5	14	106	125	.....	100	2
51	3	1	4,800.00	150.00	3	8	13	159	50	.....	329	...

STATISTICS.

No.	CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Church Periodicals.
52	Newark.....	177	4	34	7	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53	Ninth-Street.....	138	.....	18	4	1	3	.....	11	.....	.....
54	N. C. Avenue.....	40	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1
55	Pipe Creek.....	291	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	34
56	Pittsville.....	245	5	5	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	16
57	Pocomoke.....	215	.....	13	2	1	6	2	2	.....	17
58	Pocomoke City....	195	.....	7	4	.....	.....	8	.....	5	30
59	Portsville.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	Potomac.....	66	27	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	11
61	Powellville.....	210	13	9	2	.....	.....	1	11	.....	11
62	Preston.....	203	.....	7	1	2	1	4	7	.....	10
63	Quantico.....	130	38	34	.....	.....	1	.....	34	.....	25
64	Queen Anne's.....	155	.....	6	4	4	.....	.....	15	.....	30
65	Rainsburg.....	29	.....	.....	1	1	3	6	.....	11	3
66	Rowlandville.....	124	3	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	4
67	St. James'.....	95	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	.....	2	30
68	St. Luke's.....	156	6	21	.....	3	.....	3	15	.....	8
69	St. Michael's.....	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	14
70	Salisbury.....	144	14	30	5	5	.....	2	17	.....	27
71	Seaford.....	138	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	16
72	Snow Hill.....	157	.....	38	3	1	12	.....	56	.....	24
73	Somerset.....	386	.....	36	1	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....
74	South Baltimore...	135	10	20	1	4	7	14	.....	5	5
75	Southside.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
76	Starr.....	248	7	19	2	5	.....	.....	14	.....	29
77	Stewartstown.....	168	.....	9	3	.....	.....	94	.....	94	17
78	Surry.....	150	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	5	15
79	Susquehanna.....	141	14	20	1	5	.....	.....	14	.....	23
80	Sussex.....	72	.....	11	2	.....	7	.....	2	.....	12
81	Talbot.....	164	.....	3	1	5	12	48	.....	66	30
82	Union.....	248	.....	8	3	.....	1	68	.....	72	8
83	Warwick.....	197	6	2	3	.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....
84	Washington-Street.	209	38	58	6	6	1	.....	45	.....	12
85	West Baltimore....	195	6	27	3	2	.....	3	19	.....	43
86	Westminster.....	193	2	32	7	.....	13	.....	12	.....	44
87	Williamsport.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
88	Wilmington.....	54	12	22	.....	1	7	1	8	.....	10
89	Berkeley, S. C.....	675	130	19	18	12	14	.....	.....	27	3
90	Charleston, S. C...	249	16	10	24	1	2	.....	8	.....	.....
	Itinerants.....	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	14,548	822	1,194	202	202	195	401	778	396	1,339
	Report of 1883....	14,374	955	1,476	201	113	281	969	849	953	1,308
	Gain.....	174	.....	.....	1	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
	Loss.....	.....	133	282	.....	.....	86	568	71	557	.....

STATISTICS.

No.	Churches.	Parsonages	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Sub. Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
52	1	1	\$40,000.00	\$2,400.00	1	9	19	188	333	.....	600	7
53	1	..	35,000.00	.....	1	9	18	110	175	.....	625	13
54	1	1	3,000.00	67.00	1	6	7	70	150	.....	200	..
55	4	1	16,500.00	500.00	4	22	50	330	160	.....	1,500	...
56	4	1	5,000.00	400.00	4	7	20	170	100	.....	.....	...
57	4	..	4,000.00	.....	2	7	15	105	27	.....	150	9
58	2	1	11,000.00	500.00	2	10	21	190	160	.....	375	7
59	1	..	1,000.00	.....	1	4	6	29	.....	.....	10	...
60	2	1	4,200.00	.....	2	8	15	113	100	.....	400	18
61	4	1	4,000.00	500.00	2	6	9	125	25	.....	150	23
62	3	1	6,000.00	364.00	3	16	20	196	.....	171	162	3
63	4	1	6,000.00	200.00	3	26	18	150	10	25	200	...
64	3	1	4,700.00	700.00	2	6	10	100	150	5	250	...
65	1	..	3,000.00	.....	1	3	6	40	40	.....	100	...
66	3	..	6,000.00	.....	2	8	18	200	190	.....	700	...
67	2	1	8,000.00	.....	2	10	14	110	105	40	250	1
68	1	..	8,000.00	3,500.00	1	12	25	330	220	340	.....	16
69	2	1	4,000.00	.....	2	4	5	50	50	.....	250	...
70	2	1	9,500.00	.....	2	10	14	144	100	.....	180	...
71	3	1	9,180.00	.....	3	8	17	100	65	.....	.....	...
72	3	..	3,000.00	.....	2	10	15	60	30	.....	.....	...
73	3	1	10,000.00	900.00	3	9	21	250	225	50	225	...
74	1	1	21,000.00	.....	1	8	16	184	130	.....	.....	1
75	2	..	1,500.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
76	1	1	43,000.00	.....	1	5	27	320	270	100	475	8
77	4	1	9,000.00	.....	4	20	35	300	300	.....	1,000	2
78	2	1	2,500.00	.....	1	5	10	60	.....	.....	.....	...
79	3	1	10,000.00	.....	3	9	20	150	165	.....	770	10
80	3	1	3,500.00	120.00	3	8	15	100	40	.....	270	...
81	3	1	6,000.00	.....	3	20	23	200	140	.....	300	1
82	6	1	5,000.00	.....	5	15	28	350	87	25	230	4
83	3	1	9,000.00	.....	3	6	30	200	106	.....	600	...
84	1	1	20,000.00	.....	1	5	25	300	200	1	300	10
85	..	..	15,000.00	.....	1	12	23	300	310	.....	500	6
86	1	1	22,000.00	.....	1	6	16	160	200	.....	300	10
87	4	..	4,000.00	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
88	1	..	3,000.00	1,500.00	1	8	10	130	112	.....	125	10
89	7	..	2,005.00	195.00	9	12	24	350	80	.....	22	...
90	2	..	3,000.00	.....	2	8	32	480	.....	600	180	4
...
229,	56	..	\$753,035.00	\$31,471.00	199	880	1,675	16,105	10,694	2,363	29,405	442
229,	53	..	762,490.00	41,824.00	200	852	1,672	15,352	9,366	1,079	30,905	515
....	3	..	.....	.....	..	28	3	753	1,328	1,284	.....	...
....	..	..	9,455.00	10,353.00	1	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	73

MINUTES OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1884.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference met in the Methodist Protestant Church at Pocomoke City Friday, March 14th, 1884, at 10 A. M., J. R. Nichols, Chairman *pro. tem.* W. S. Hammond read the report of the Board of Managers, which was adopted, the resolution with respect to the request of West Baltimore Station for a transfer of the lease of the lot on the Southwest corner of Gilmor and Townsend Streets being referred to a special committee of three ministers and two laymen. The Treasurer read his report and, on motion, it was referred to an Auditing Committee, viz.: W. S. Hammond, H. Burrough. The election of officers then took place, with the following result: President, J. R. Nichols; 1st Vice-President, W. M. Strayer; 2d Vice-President, J. D. Kinzer; 3d Vice-President, H. Burrough; 4th Vice-President, W. A. Crouse. Board of Managers: The pastors of West Baltimore, Starr, East Baltimore and Washington-Street Churches, H. F. Zollickoffer, G. H. Erdman, W. H. Silk, W. J. C. Dulany. A. W. Mather was re-elected Treasurer, and A. D. Murray, Secretary.

S. J. Smith and J. W. Balderston were appointed to collect the annual dues. The report of the Auditing Committee approving the Treasurer's report was received and adopted. The chair announced the Committee on request of West Baltimore Station: A. W. Mather, W. M. Strayer, J. D. Kinzer, Wm. Hawkins, J. R. Caton.

On motion, the President and Secretary of the Society were requested to sign fifty certificates at their earliest convenience. The Society then adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

The night session opened with religious services, conducted by S. B. Tredway. The report of the Committee on Request of West Baltimore Station was received and adopted, as follows:

1st. That the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society of the M. P. Church be authorized and instructed to transfer the lease of said lot to the Trustees of West Baltimore Station.

2d. That the said Board be authorized, after the chapel upon said lot shall have been vacated by West Baltimore Station, to dispose of the said chapel in such manner and upon such terms as in their judgment they may deem best for the interest of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Society then proceeded with the anniversary exercises, being addressed by C. T. Cochel. After the usual collection the Society adjourned.

A. D. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

 MINUTES OF SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY
FOR 1884.

The Superannuated Fund Society was called to order by first Vice-President, F. T. Tagg, March 17th, 1884.

The report of the Treasurer was received, and a vote of thanks extended the Treasurer, H. F. Zollickoffer, for his gratuitous services.

Officers elected: 1st Vice-President, F. T. Tagg; 2d Vice-President, S. B. Tredway; Secretary, W. R. Graham; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather. Board of Managers: E. J. Drinkhouse, pastors of West Baltimore, South Baltimore and Broadway, H. Burrough, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. J. C. Dulany and J. G. Clark.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society be authorized to invest the sum of six hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, in the rebuilding of the back building of the Conference parsonage, if it be found necessary that this work should be done during the year; and that a rental to cover this investment, at 6 per cent. interest, be placed on the property.

The collection of the annual dues was ordered.

On motion the Committee on Publication of Minutes was instructed to call on the Treasurer and get the par and market values of invested fund for publication.

Society took a recess till 7½ o'clock.

At the time appointed the Society resumed its session, with F. T. Tagg in the chair. After reading of minutes, the chairman introduced J. L. Mills and T. H. Lewis, who addressed the audience, presenting the claims of the Society. The following were made life members by contributions of \$10 for each: Miss Sallie Johnson, Mrs. Captain Decay, Miss Florence Costin. The following were received for investment:

Twelve subscribers to pay \$5.00 each for five years; one subscriber to pay \$10.00 for five years; five subscribers to pay each \$5.00 for one year; one subscriber to pay \$3.00 for five years; one subscriber to pay \$2.50 for five years; one subscriber to pay \$2.00 for five years; one subscriber to pay \$1.00 for five years.

Adjourned with the benediction.

W. R. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INVESTED FUND.

Ground Rents.....	\$11,794.28
Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank, Georgetown.....	625.00
B. & O. R. R. Stock.....	7,800.00
Wilmington, Col. & A. Stock (R. R.).....	1,500.00
Baltimore City Stock.....	10,280.72
B. & O. Rail Road Bonds.....	5,000.00
Pittsburgh & Connellsville Bonds.....	8,000.00
Union R. R. Co. Bonds.....	3,500.00
Atlanta & Charlotte R. R. Bonds.....	1,000.00
Wilmington, Col. & A. R. R. Bonds.....	2,500.00
Cin., Washington & Balto. R. R. Bonds.....	6,000.00
Va. Midland R. R. Bonds.....	8,500.00
Annapolis & Elkridge R. R. Bonds.....	3,000.00
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	\$69,560.00

Market value of above April 1, 1884, \$82,250.00.

Received Dividends from above to March 10, 1884.....	\$4,402.02
Paid F. T. Tagg, Steward, for distribution.....	\$4,290.51
Paid Taxes, incidental, &c.....	111.51
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	\$4,402.02

H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, *Treasurer.*

RULES OF ORDER.

[For the convenience of the Committee on Revision of Rules, and the members of Conference who will consider the report of that Committee at the next Conference, the Rules of Order of the Maryland Conference are inserted in this place.

Wherever the Manual has been changed by subsequent rule, the latter has been inserted, and the authority given by reference to the year and page of Minutes.—SECRETARY.]

(Rules adopted 1877, page 20.)

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

1. He shall preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

2. He shall not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.

3. He shall recognize each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him, "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

4. He may state a question sitting, but shall stand when the question is put and taken; also, when he states a point of order; and, also, when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

5. He shall not be allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in cases of ballot.

6. He may call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after an adjournment.

RULE II.

The Secretary shall perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body. And also,

1. He shall have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and shall be accountable for them.

2. He shall be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

3. He shall keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.

4. He shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference.

5. He shall keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.

6. He shall keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *first*, the Standing Committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and, *second*, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

7. He shall keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

8. He shall be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes. (See 1881, page 11.)

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All Committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—1. Unfinished Business: 1 Minister, 2 Laymen. 2. Finance: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. 3. Itinerancy and Orders: The Faculty of Instruction. 4. Boundaries: 7 Laymen. 5. Pulpit Services: 3 Ministers. 6. Missions: 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 7. Superannuates: 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 8. Literature: 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 9. Sabbath Schools: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. 10. Temperance: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. 11. Benevolent

Agencies: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen—(1884, p. 27). 12. Fraternal Relations: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen—(1878, p. 16). 13. Official Character: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. 14. Statistics: 1 Minister or Layman. 15. Obituaries: 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it. 16. Education: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. (1876, p. 40; 1879, p. 8; 1884, p. 27). 17. Foreign Missions: 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen. (1879, p. 8). 18. President's Report: (1882, p. 10).

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two Committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

[RULE VI. (Abolished 1879, p. 8.)]

MOTIONS.

RULE VII.

Every motion shall be written, signed, and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference: except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VIII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE IX.

No proposition to amend, that amounts to a substitute, shall be entertained.

RULE X.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule: the *first three* to be taken without debate, and the *first* always in order.

RULE XI.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE XII.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select Committee, and to a Standing Committee, the question on reference to the Standing Committee shall be first put.

RULE XIII.

No motion to postpone, to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XIV.

No motion, after it is seconded, shall be withdrawn without leave.

RULE XV.

No amendment shall be in order, farther than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XVI.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

DECORUM.

RULE XVII.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall rise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVIII.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XIX.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XX.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and

be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed, after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XXI.

In deciding a question of order, the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference, but the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XXII.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXIII.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requires it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

RULE XXIV.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXV.

No member of Conference shall withdraw himself from its sittings without permission, until all the business shall have been transacted. Dis. p. 58.

RULE XXVI.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

RULE XXVII.

A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXVIII. (1877, p. 6.)

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn and prayer. The last half-hour of each morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

RULE XXIX.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXX.

The business next in order shall be the reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXI.

The names of the several Circuits and Stations shall then be called, in the order in which they stand on the List of Circuits and Stations, for any business to be laid before the Conference, when the Delegate from the Circuit or Station called may present any business, and it shall be recorded, without debate, on the List of Business.

RULE XXXII.

When any business is laid on the table, it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXIII.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence over all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXIV.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXV.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), nor by adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXXVI. (1878, p. 31. 1883, p. 20.)

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer, after which the roll shall be called, including the "death roll." In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then (on motion) be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary, in the presence of the Conference; and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXXVII.

The certificates of the Delegates shall then be handed in, and a complete list of all the members of the Conference made out.

RULE XXXVIII. (1884, p. 9.)

At eleven o'clock the President, or his substitute, shall preach an appropriate discourse, and in the evening the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

RULE XXXIX. (Manual, p. 61; 1879, p. 37; 1880, p. 9; 1883, pp. 20, 21.)

The examination of official character shall be next in order, and in the following manner:

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to preside temporarily. The President having read his annual communication to the Conference, the Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: Brethren, you have heard the report of the President: shall his character pass? The President's character having passed, he shall resume the chair. In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the Chairman of that Committee, at the question, "Shall his character pass?" shall answer.

2. Examination of other ministers. The names of the other ministerial members shall then be called in the order they stand on the roll of Conference; and as their respective names are called, they shall deposit their reports upon the Secretary's table, and the collections prescribed by this Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and all charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the Committee to explain, and only those cases in which the explanations may be unsatisfactory to the Committee shall be reported to the Conference, and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

RULE XL. (1880, p. 5; 1881, p. 13; 1883, pp. 20-30.)

1. The President for the ensuing year shall be elected, by ballot, on the first day of the session, at two and a-half o'clock P. M. 2. The Secretary shall be elected immediately after the election of President, and the Stewards—viz., the Conference Steward, the Home Missionary Steward, the Superannuated Fund Steward, and the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, immediately after the election of Secretary. 3. The Superannuated Fund Steward shall hold his office until his successor be elected.

RULE XLI. (1883, p. 20.)

The Standing District Committee shall be elected by ballot immediately after the election of Stewards. This Committee consists of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed, and three laymen. Dis., 57.

RULE XLII.

The Committee of Appeals shall be elected by ballot immediately after the election of the Standing District Committee—three ministers, two laymen.

RULE XLIII.

In all ballotings blanks shall be rejected, and not be reported by the tellers.

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